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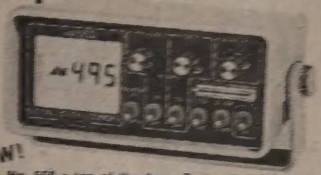

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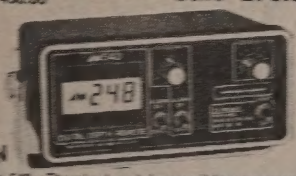

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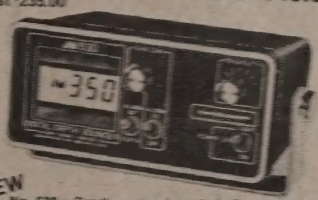

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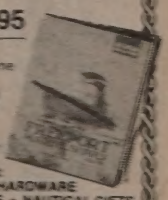

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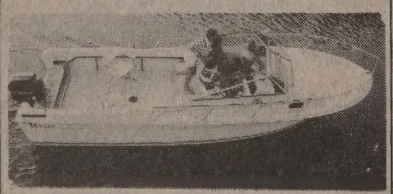

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The meeting will be held at the Masonic Club located at 7604 4th Ave., Brookyn, N.Y. The Open House will begin at 7PM with 100 seats available to "first-come, first served" phone call reservations. To reserve a seat, please call Marty Gazzani at 212-238-2636 between 8AM-Noon; Bob Smith at 212-339-9215 between 6PM-10PM or Richard Borecky at 212-946-9638 between 6PM-9PM. There is no cost or obligation; come and enjoy a night of fishing facts, films, and fun.

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Any surf fishing clubs in the greater New York/Long Island area interested in participating in this tournament can contact Barry Simon, weekdays, 9AM-5PM, (212) 889-7962, or 7PM-10PM at (516) 785-2404.

STRIPED BASS MGT. IN MARYLAND MOVES AHEAD

Maryland, a KEY state among the 12 involved in the regional effort to manage the troubled striped bass fishery, has, effective February 8, 1982, instituted several additional regulations designed to conserve this dwindling resource.

Perhaps the most significant of these relates to identification of critical areas of spawning activity within 10 river systems. The use of gill nets within these areas has been banned from April 12 to June 1, and any striped bass caught in other gear during that period must be released alive. Also implemented are, a minimum permissible mesh size for gill nets in use within other areas of these spawning rivers during the critical period of March 15 to June 1; a 24" minimum size limit in ocean waters, and a statewide bag limit.

These measures, described as significant, are additions to a long list of regulations already governing the taking of striped bass in Maryland waters.

While the minimum size for striped bass in Maryland's Chesapeake Bay waters and its tributaries remains unchanged, despite the recommendation of an increase by the Interstate Striped Bass Management Project, these added regulations are a clear indication of Maryland's intention to move forward in the management process.

At this point in time the focus of attention is now on New York, another KEY state. Will New York do its share by implementing effective management in 1982, or will it once again yield to pressure from a small self-interest group, thus ignoring the needs of the resource and the call for a cooperative effort among the states?

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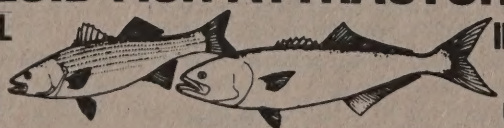

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INFO ON FLOUNDER NEEDED FOR UPCOMING TRIP

Every week on Wednesday I rush home from school to get your magazine. Me and my friends love fishing; we try to go fishing every chance we get. My uncle is a commercial fisherman and takes me fishing a lot. He teaches me and gives me experience. He is taking me fishing in Moriches Inlet for flounder. I would appreciate it if you could give me some pointers. I will be looking forward to your answers in the near future. Sincerely, your fishing buddy, *Darren Susi, Valley Stream, NY.*

It's great that you look forward to LIF arriving each week. I'll bet you have already learned a lot from writers like Matt Ahern, Herb Buch, Andy Regina, Janet and Martin Garrell, and others who write about flounder. You say your Uncle knows a lot about fishing and that he'll be taking you. Therefore, maybe you don't need as many pointers as you think. Sounds to us like you'll have your own private guide.

The best advice we can give is to listen carefully to your uncle and then be very patient. When you feel the weight of a flounder as you lift gently, sink the hook with a flick of your wrist and by all means, let the little ones go so they can grow up and come back next year. In addition, you might want to buy a copy of our LIF book, Fishing For Flounder. *Ads for our books appear now and then. Respond to these as directed. Best of luck.* Dr. W.A. Muller.

WANTS A FISHING CLUB

I am a female VERY interested in fishing. I began subscribing to your magazine last year, at the same time I learned how to fish freshwater for largemouth bass successfully and surf cast for stripers—unsuccessfully.

I am writing to find out the names of some fishing clubs I could join here or further east; one or more clubs that can teach all varieties of fishing. Although I read your magazine, firsthand teaching, by doing, is the best way. I myself am a teacher with my summers free to relax and fish.

If possible can you furnish me with some clubs who would be willing to accept a new and active member. I am fully equipped with all kinds of my own gear. I would be very appreciative. *Barbara J. Hansen, Smithtown, New York.*

Several years back LIF attempted to keep an up-to-date list of fishing clubs on Long Island. We learned the hard way that this was a near-impossible task. Some clubs come and go, while those that endure change officers and thus addresses and phone numbers

change very regularly. In spite of our best efforts, therefore, our lists were out of date before we had the information down on paper. It was then that we realized the best vehicle for helping people with their club activities was to run a Club News *section where interested people could exchange information. Therefore, allow me to suggest that you read the* Club News *section and respond to those announcements of clubs seeking membership that appeal to you. However, there are clubs for females only, males only, and for families. Ads in Club News may or may not make that clear. We suggest you explore this with the club representative when you respond to the ad.*

One last point: different clubs specialize in different types of fishing too. Perhaps you should pursue this question as well. Dr. W.A.M.

MAKING A SKIN PLUG—BETTER!

I am writing to you in response to your article of January 28, 1982 entitled *Making Skin Plugs—Good.* About two years ago I read a similar article in The Fisherman that was almost the same as your. I was skeptical at first, but decided to give it a try. The first time out I saw a remarkable difference in my catch. After that, every time out I had a better catch. Well, getting back to the point. I have modified mine a little. Before mounting the skin, lay the skin next to the plug. Measure the distance from the tail hook to the tip of the skin. Tie a length of leader to a single hook a little smaller than the treble hooks. Then, snake the leader through a hole in the tip of the tail and tie it to the tail hook. The length of this leader should be about ½cm larger than the length from the tail hook to the tip of the skin. Mount the skin normally and go fishing. This method seems to give it a larger wiggle because of the leader too long, it also catches short strikers. *Gary Hodgins, E. Northport, NY.*

Thanks for the information. As we pointed out in the article, there are many ways to "skin" this cat—excuse the pun. I made several variations for use during the year. However, your idea is a super one and although I can see some problems with it when fishing for big wary fish, at other times it easily could improve the catch. We're sure that some of our readers will try your variation. Hey out there, if you care to share your skin plug experiences, write in to tell us. Dr. W.A. Muller.

IS THAT A SAILFISH RECORD?

In the January 21, 1981 issue of The Long Island Fisherman there is a picture of a man with a sailfish he had caught, weighing 165 lbs.

Now, on page 22 of the same issue there is an article that states "the current all tackle sailfish record is 128 lbs." But out of curiosity I looked it up in my IGFA world record book; it says the record is 128 lbs. also.

So the point I'm getting at is—shouldn't this man have a new record fish here? *Sean Rode, Woodhaven, NY.*

Perhaps we can clarify this. The IGFA record for sailfish is divided between the Atlantic sailfish and the Pacific sailfish. There are some noteworthy differences between the two fish. They may look a lot alike, but don't be fooled by that. Perhaps the most important difference to fishermen is the size. The Pacific sail is a much bigger critter. Therefore, the record fish for the Pacific variety was caught by C. W. Stewart and weighed 221 lbs. The record Atlantic fish weighed 128 lbs. and was caught by Harm Steyn. Dr. W.A.M.

ARTIFICIAL FOLLOWUP?

From time to time I re-read the old issues of Long Island Fisherman. In the April 20, 1978, #16 issue you had an article on artificials for flounder (Fish Talk) stating that Dick Mermon of Shakespeare Co., catches winter flounder on plastic worms. Do you have any more information on this? *Tom Cutrone, So. Norwalk, Ct.*

Right you are, Tom! We did indeed hear from Dick that he thought the technique might work. On a 1982 flounder trip with Dick Mermon, we asked him about it and he replied that the right set of circumstances had not occurred yet, but that the idea was

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still on his mond. Dick did say he would try the tiniest of red or yellow artificials, would need a lot of flounder in a small area, and require relatively calm weather, in order to make a good test. Dr. W.A.M.

AHERN TO THE RESCUE!

Regarding that letter from 14-year-old James T. Fennell of Elmont, in which he states he has difficulty catching fluke.

Will you tell him, please, that if he cares to get in touch with me by mail, I shall be happy to "work" with him on his problem. I certainly know what it means to be 14-years-old and in desperate need to improve fishing skills. I've been through the mill, too. *Matt Ahern, 39 King St., Hampton Bays, NY 11946.*

CODFISH WORMS

I recently went codfishing off Long Beach. Among my catch were two fish—a 7 and a 10 lber. which I prepared for dinner. When I split one of the fillets to make it thinner, I found a thin, round, coiled worm. Upon splitting another fillet, I found another worm of the same type.

We ate the fish after cutting out the infected parts and examining them further.

I would appreciate any information which you could give me about these parasites. And a belated were the fillets safe to eat? *Steve Vanderberg, Queens Village, NY.*

We receive lots of mail about fish parasites and most of the time we have to guess about what they are because we have only a description to work with. This time Steve sent a samlple of each animal along to us with the letter. Even with this there is a little doubt since "worms" were scotch-taped to the letter, and they dried out. This could lead to changes in the specimens that might confuse conclusions. Yet, in spite of this drawback I feel confident in the identification.

One of them is very thin and fragile with a modified head structure. This leads me to believe this animal is a copepod of a group that is a common parasite on many local fishes. In fact, large bluefish often are heavily infested. The second worm is stouter with a more definite round shape and was not compressed by the taping to the paper. Its shape, position on the paper, and resistance to crushing led me to think that this is a round worm or nematode and this is a worm that is commonly found in the flesh of codfish. Fillets are perfectly safe to eat. Dr. W.A. Muller.

CODFISH IN L.I. SOUND

During the 10 years that I've been fishing the Huntington area, I've repeatedly heard many old-timers talk about catching codfish and whiting off Eaton's Neck back in the 30s and 40s. Have any of your staff heard of any cod reports that far west into the Sound? If so, could you furnish me with any information as to where to locate them?

Secondly, I'm planning to trailer my boat out to Orient Point for a cod-hunting trip. Do you know of any productive areas around the Point I might try. *Thomas Catalanotto, Deer Park, NY.*

This is a question that surfaces about once every two years. Yes, we have heard the same rumors. This year Port of Egypt planned on opening its auxiliary station at Orient a little early in the hope that some folks might be interested in trying for codfish which are rumored to be in that part of the Sound. We suggest that you read Port of Egypt weekly reports in the Fishing News section for latest details.

One of the problems with cod-fishing in Long Island Sound has been decline in the number of codfish out there during the 60s and 70s. However, the management plan for cod seems to be working and the numbers of them are increasing. The presence of cod in Long Island Sound would be a spill-over; that is, cod would only feed there in numbers when the population stocks were high. When the stocks were over-harvested the chances of cod in Long Island Sound diminished. It just might be a good bet now. Stay tuned for further details. Dr. W.A. Muller.

UNITED WE STAND!

Recently I came across a book of Chinese sayings and one of them instantly reminded me of the LIF. I thought it to be an appropriate motto for your fine magazine (which has helped me to enjoy and to be fairly successful at many different kinds of fishing). The saying was, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime!" Keep on teaching and feeding!

I would also like to express my views on a different, but related matter. In today's world, it is obvious that we fishermen have to unite and lobby on behalf of our sport or there won't be any sport to lobby about. For example, just recently, you gave the names and addresses of two officials to write to about a Bluefish Management Plan. The bluefish is important to all your readers—be they surf, bay or boat fishermen. As the striped bass and weakfish populations decline, we will have to rely on the bluefish more and more. I wonder how many concerned readers wrote their two letters or postal cards? I know I did and the reason is that I keep a supply of post cards that are reserved for political action on fishing matters. Probably many more faithful blue-fishermen would have written if they had a supply of cards handy. My suggestion is that you raise your subscription dues by one dollar and use that money to send each subscriber five postcards with the first issue of the year. These cards are to be used to take a stand on fishing matters so that our politicians and their appointees know what we want them to do. Often, time is of the

essence and thus we would be able to send our important message as soon as we read about in in the LIF. *Joel Beller, Long Beach, NY.*

We've heard that motto before several times in one form or another, but it's value doesn't change in the re-telling. Indeed, we think it is appropriate and we expound this philosophy as well. We have pointed out that the quality of life is declining because government is involved in too many giveaway programs (give a man a fish). We think giveaways take away incentives and rob wealth from productive members of society. Giveaways also rob money from government projects that benefit productive society, such as park systems, reduced taxation, boat launch ramps, fishing piers, etc. We agree: let's teach a person how to fish so they can feed themselves and then become productive taxpayers too. Obviously, there are exceptions, but we think the philosophy has merit as have many great philosophers throughout the history of western civilization.

On the bluefish crisis, we are happy to report that the response of readers was fantastic—as it usually is. We do not have an actual count yet because the letters continue to come in; but we have reason to believe that the number is in the four digit range and that's impressive. We know these letters can make the difference and we hope we get the same response when we request letters in support of several bills under consideration on the State level. Our family of readers are loyal and well informed and we know we can count on them for that little extra effort to pass several very important pieces of legislation. Dr. W.A. Muller.

KINKS IN FLUKE RIGS

I am 9-years-old and my father has been a subscriber to LIF for many years. I go fishing with my father on our boat every time he goes out (except on Saturdays—that's when I watch my cartoons on TV). We do a lot of fluke fishing and catch a lot too. My question is about fluke rigs. We use a 3' leader with a single hook and they often become kinked or twisted in a short time. My father hangs them on a nail in the basement ceiling with a heavy sinker on the other end to straighten them out. Is there a better way to get the kinks and twists out of the leaders, since there is nothing else wrong with them and at ninety-eight cents, it's a shame to waste them. A Fellow Fisherman, *Steven Flay, Far Rockaway, NY.*

Perhaps if we focus on the cause instead of the result of the kinks, we won't need a cure. Here's a suggestion that has worked for me. Tie a small 50 lb. test black swivel to the end of your hook leader. Make a dropper loop in another two foot length of leader, about three inches above a large overhand loop that will hold the sinker. Now attach your leadered hooks to the dropper loop at the swivel. Now add another 50 lb. swivel to the end of the dropper loop leader and attach this swivel to your line. The position of both swivels will allow your line to spin freely when fighting a fish so that there should be no kinks. Another source of twist comes from the way the bait is hooked. If you use squid or fluke belly strips, try threading it only once and center the hook as much as possible. If you use killies, try hooking them through the tail instead of the mouth. It works for me and I hope it will work for you. Dr. W.A. Muller.

INFO ON MASSACHUSETTS FLOUNDER FISHING

I was browsing through last year's magazines to see where better flounder fishing was. Issue #20, May 21, 1981, there was a picture of a Karen Weaver holding a nice flounder caught in Pleasant Bay, Mass.

Is it possible to get in touch with Karen and Bob Weaver through your magazine. I would like to learn more of Pleasant Bay to fish for flounder. I would appreciate any help as I am now retired. *George Cardel, Queens Village, NY.*

Your best bet, George, would be to call the local chamber of commerce. They can feed you information on party boats and boat liveries as well

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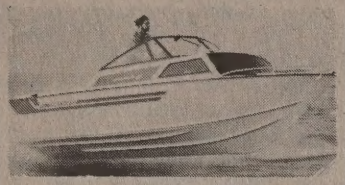

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as information on motels and restaurants. However, although flounder fishing in Massachusetts is very good, it can also be very good on Long Island. We think that a little application of funds and time on the local scene will reward you with good catches of nice-sized flounder and without the aggravation of a long ride out of state. The East End of Long Island produces good catches of flounder to 4 lbs. in late Spring and the South Shore bays have also been very productive of late for good fish. Another plus is that on Long Island there are plenty of party boats and charter boats and boat liveries. Maybe the problem is trying to go it alone instead of leaning on the experience of some of our party boat skippers. As far as seasons go, read the Fishing Reports in LIF and we'll tell you where the big ones are. Dr. W.A. Muller.

GOOD TIP

Remember that good neighbor who fed you those tomatoes and cucumbers last summer? When you replace the old 20# and up mono on your reel this year, wind up the old stuff on an old spool (or a stick) and give it to him for tying up his tomato plants and for trellises to hold up the cucumber vine. It works! And the price is right. *Al Lynch, Valley Stream, NY.*

Thanks for the tip. I wonder about using the mono to tie up tomato plants because I think that the thin mono would likely cut through the steams as the plant swings in the breeze and grows. As a trellis for cucumber vines, it sounds great. We applaud the idea of recycling tackle. Let's look at another possibility. Old rods and reels, lures and other tackle items are frequently thrown away by fishermen. How about giving them to the kid down the street who is taking a shine to fishing or donating the stuff to an orphanage. There are plenty of folks out there who love fishing, but can't afford even the simplest tackle. Dr. W.A. Muller.

PERMITS FOR SURF FISHING

This coming season I would like to try some more fishing from the surf. I would usually fish the Staten Island beaches (South Beach, Ft. Wadsworth, etc.), Rockaway Pt., Riis Park, and many L.I. beaches especially Captree, Robert Moses, and Jones Beach. I do know that permits are needed and that you published an issue about this matter; however, I have misplaced the article. Could you forward me the info needed to obtain these permits? I have enclosed a stamped envelope and would appreciate a response since I do know there is a deadline. Thank you for your help and cooperation. Your publication is an excellent source of facts, knowledge and lends much experience. *Steven Curcio, Bklyn, NY.*

Steve, by the time you read this, you will have already received my personal response. However, I believe your question has general interest and therefore I'll answer it here as well. You can secure permits to fish the State Park beaches from January to the end of April and then again after Labor Day (9/7-11/30). Regular night fishing permits are free, but a fee is charged for a beach vehicle permit. You must go to any State Park during regular business hours or to Park headquarters during business hours to secure the permits. Bring your vehicle registration with you. Park headquarters is located in Belmont Lake State Park in Babylon. Dr. W.A. Muller.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS

I am a subscriber to LIF and I read your column every week. I have also read your books on fishing for flounder, fluke and weakfishing and have found them to be very informative. I have three questions I would like to ask you.

First, I know that the warm water outflow at the Lilco plant at Northport is a good spot for fall, winter and spring striped bass. I tried to find out how to get to it, but found that there is only one road that leads into the plant and I am told that it only leads into the plant and I am told that it only leads to a town launching ramp. Also on a fence outside the plant there is a sign that says only cars with town permits and boat trailers are permitted in. My question is, how do you get to the warm water outflow?

My second question is, when fishing live eels from the beach for bass, how do you fish them (on what rig)?

My third question is what (if any) is the IGFA world record for landing a weakfish on 2, 4, or 6 lb. test?

I almost forgot—where would I have a better chance to catch a large (10 lb. or more) weakfish this spring—Great South Bay or Peconic Bay? *Jaiem Fleischmann.*

As far as we know there is only one legal way to get to the hot water outflow. That is, park in Crab Meadow beach parking lot and walk the beach (a nice hike) to the outflow. Parking is available during the non-bathing season and state law allows a person access to state lands which, in this case, is the land below mean high water. Fishing live eels for bass in the surf requires much more room than we can offer here. Thus, read old issues of LIF. The surf fishng articles treated this subject extensively and repeatedly in past years. For your third question: to the best of our knowledge there is no 2 or 4 lb. class for weakfish. The 12 lb. class record is currently held by William Herold. The fish was caught on May 31, 1980 and weighed 17 lbs. 14 oz.

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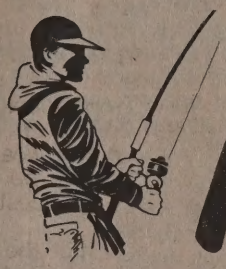

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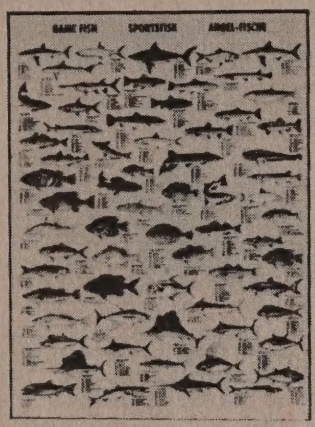

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NOW THAT'S A FLOUNDER

by Dick Mermon

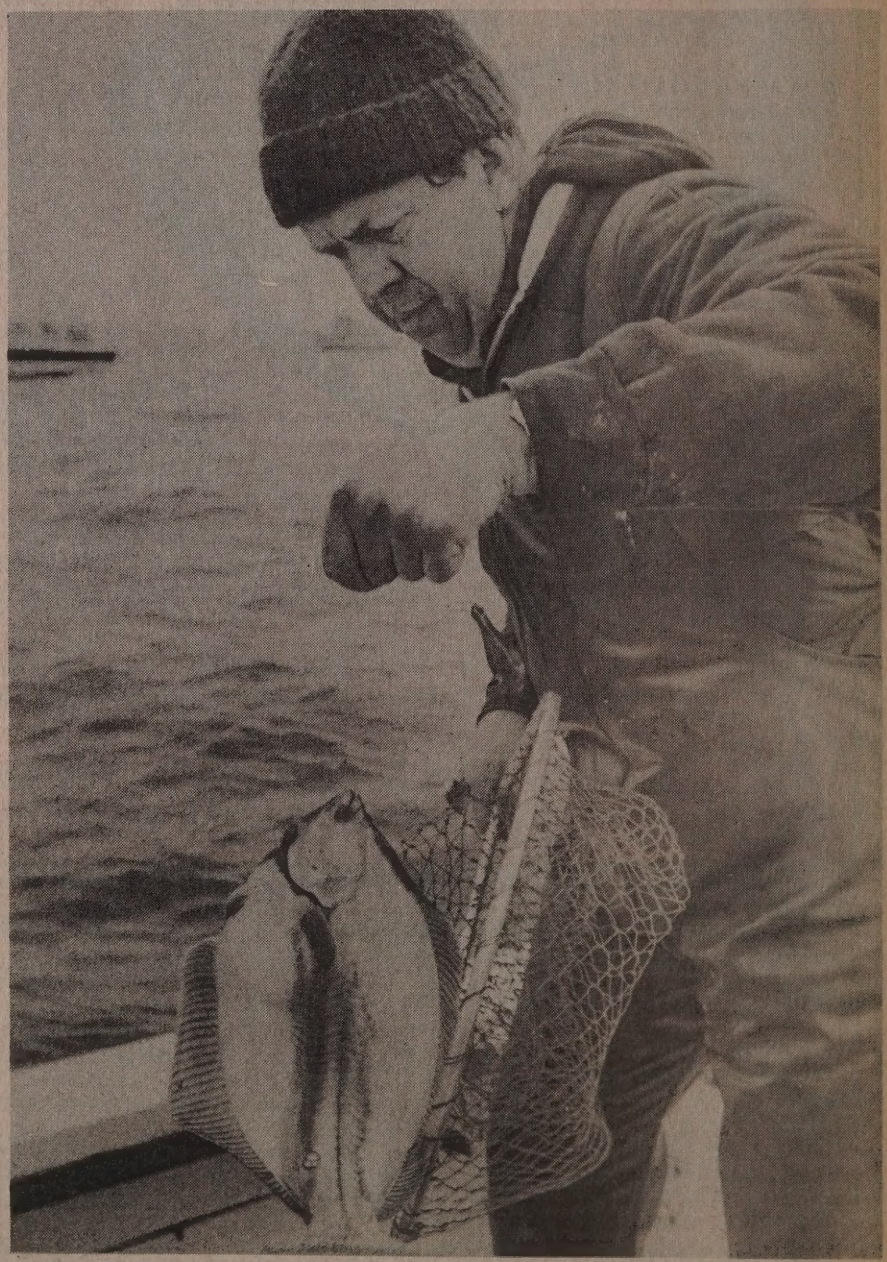
The author tells how to catch flounder that may weigh as much as five pounds while most people are thinking weakfish.

Few fishermen realize that the common winter flounder which they refer to as a "blackback" and the "snowshoe flounder" are, in reality, one and the same species, **Pseudopleuronetes americanas.** With a migratory range from North Carolina to Labrador, it's more than just coincidence that the area around Block Island and Montauk Point attract the greatest numbers of adult fish.

Montauk Point, including several locations within its vicinity, supports a bottom environment which attracts these large flatties. Snowshoes seem to relish rock-strewn bottom, where kelp weed can take hold and the forage of their choice is easily found. While palm size and slightly larger flounder select a mud bottom to spawn, it is suspected that these oversized flatties seek deep water to reproduce. Nowhere in this common winter flounder's migratory route is such a bottom found except at Long Island's eastern tip and off Block Island.

Another strange feature of their behavior is that when caught, they will constantly be of similar size. When snowshoes gather, they tend to stabilize in schools of 2 or 3 lbers., then there is a schooling run of 4 lbers. Biggies, of 5 or 6 lbs. move in and out within a short stretch, followed by the return of smaller fish once again.

Mature flounder begin entering most of the bays along migratory routes during the month of February and it is not until early April that snowshoes show signs of activity, feeding around the rocky shelves off Block Island where they are first taken on baits intended for codfish. Although not definitely proven, there seems to be two distinct bodies of fish that are drawn towards Shelter and Gardiner's Islands: one mass enters Gardiner's Bay between Plum Island and Gardiner's Point Ruins; whereby the other passes through the area of Cartwright and the southwest point of Gardiner's. At present, it is unknown whether these big fish come into this area to feed, spawn, or both. Adult flounder have such a wide spawning period that no one has any certain answers. Should sand worm spawning be short in duration, the flounders stay is short also, leading me to believe it is food which brings them here from the deep.



Now that's a flounder! Neal Buckner shows a Gardiner's Island flounder that's pushing 4 lbs.

When sand worms are in a reproductive state they are carried along by currents and become easy prey for flounder. The worms funnel into kelp beds between Cartwright Island and Accabonic Harbor, or the southwest point of Gardiner's Island first where fish find easy pickings. Once worm spawning is completed,

these huge flounder remain for a short time in the weed beds, then gradually move into other locations such as Tobaccolot Bay, Bostwick Bay and the Ruins, all of which surround Gardiner's Island. It resembles one big "U" shape in migration.

Three to five pounders remain in these areas a very short time compared to smaller species, which are spawned out and passing from Peconic Bay back to the Atlantic. Timing is a prime factor in catching bigger fish, for they do not remain constant. As worms diminish in an area, so do the fish and since that is probably what they have journeyed from the deep for, they begin returning to Block Island.

Prime snowshoe fishing lasts from ten days to two weeks and the apex is just before Memorial Day, gradually spreading out, winding up on the kelp-encrusted shoals of Shagwong. Once their preferred food has dissipated (sea worms), they will assault schools of sand eels, or any other forage available. By the middle of June, most snowshoes have relinquished these feeding areas to blackfish, fluke, striped bass and bluefish.

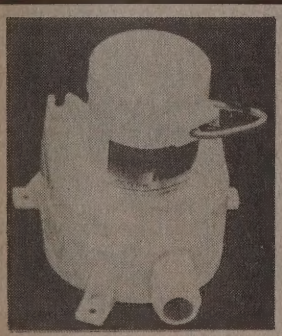
Snowshoes hunt sea worms along with shrimp, tiny crabs and kelp lice in relatively shallow water of 6' to 15' deep, depending upon tidal levels. The bottom should be rocky and patched with kelp weed. Bank or green mussels and even black mussels are favored baits and a generous supply should be on hand. Pre-opened mussels can be refrigerated in a covered container, saturated in their natural juices for two or three days without fear of decomposition. This saves time, especially during the height of an active flurry. Chum is vitally important and should be placed in a weighted container to sustain its attractive juices near the boat all the time. Crushed mussels can be deposited in it, but freshly ground sea clams are superior. This chum can also be used frozen and purchased along with unshelled mussels. Sea clams, hard and soft shell clams, sand worms, or even the entrails of scallops are other baits which can be utilized. Even a lolling night crawler is an excellent enticement when a shortage of other bait occurs.

Most often a standard Chestertown #4 hook in a four extra strong would be sufficient, but a better and more durable hook is a Mustad #92616 in a short shank #4. The soft mussel, when twisted onto the hook will completely consume it and is easily released with one initial tug on the leader.

Leader material tied to the hook should be about 15 lb. test and 18" to 20" long because of where the bait must position itself. Shallow water flatties cruise the kelp beds in search of shrimp, sea lice, crabs and worms which trek along bottom or through weedy passageways. Long leaders help keep baits on the bottom where they belong and not floating in the current. No ornamental rigs are necessary; the less hardware on a line the better. Hence, hooks are to be attached directly onto the line above the sinker.

Heavy tackle is not essential to take on these oversized flatfish in semi-shallow water. In fact, a medium light spinning or conventional rod is best suited, one with a limp sensitive tip and backbone near its base. Snowshoes have a tendency to inhale a bait and lay in one place without letting an angler know of its presence. With a yielding rod tip, one is able to lift slowly until weight is felt. A strike comes as a mere up and down pressure on the rod tip. The rod is then lifted slowly without any hard, jerking motion as this zealous enthusiasm will simply yank a hook out of a fish's mouth. A slow steady lift brings out the aggressiveness flounder can show when food is being taken away from them. One rod that fits the bill for snowshoe fishing in conventional tackle is Shakespeare's Ugly Stik, #BWC1103, in a 7' length. This rod has a sensitive tip and a power ful middle section.

When it comes to flounder fishing, these are flatfish well worth angling for. Their size fills a fishbox rather quickly and one can really say, "That, my friend, is a FLOUNDER."



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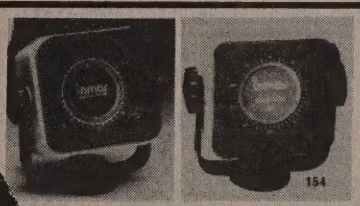

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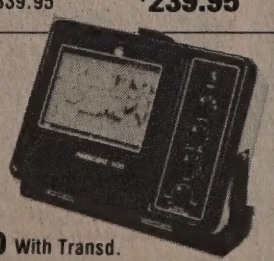

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MAY DAY MACKS

by Gerald Hahn

Anglers in Maine have all summer to catch mackerel, but Long Islanders and Big City dwellers have only a few weeks in May. Our brief mackerel season is not poor, however. The fish move up the Jersey Coast in April, and by May they are so abundant around Long Island, it seems there are more mackerel than water. From New York Bight to Montauk and from City Island to Orient Point, staggering numbers of mackerel clog the waterways like cars on the Long Island Expressway during a Friday rush hour.

Mackerel are a light tackle dream-come-true. Aggressive predators, eager to strike a lure, they are the most cooperative of pelagic fish. Unfortunately, many fishermen, instead of trying to catch mackerel on light gear, prefer bailing the fish with abandon on heavy tackle and multi-hook rigs.

The use of heavy tackle for mackerel makes sense on party boats, but not on private vessels. Party boats are typically crowded during the brief mackerel run, and heavy equipment overcomes tangled lines and break-offs. Especially is this so when several mackerel are caught simultaneously on a rig—a common occurrence. Consequently, 7' boat rods and moderate conventional reels filled with 30 lb. test are the norm. For this kind of fishing, most people use a mackerel-tree rig, consisting of a long leader of about 40 or 50 lb. test, onto which four hooks and a diamond jig are connected. The hooks, #1 to 1/0 Limericks, O'Shaughnessies, Pacific Bass, Beaks, or any other long-shank patterns, are covered with tinker tubing in various colors. Some anglers favor all-red rigs. Dropper loops on the leader, about 8" to 10" apart, secure the hooks directly; that is, without snells. A clinch knot at the bottom of the rig holds a 1 or 2 oz. diamond jig, without its accompanying tube, and on top, more clinch knots secure a barrel swivel both to the leader and the fishing line. When mackerel congregate around a party boat, anglers catch 1, 2, 3, 4, and sometimes 5 fish at once with these rigs!

Fishing with a mackerel-tree rig is fairly simple, even though it is cumbersome. The rig is lowered to about 20' or 30' below the surface (mackerel are not bottom feeders) and the rod is pumped regularly with a slow retrieve. Macks like to hit the rig on the down stroke. So obliging are the mackerel that even a newcomer fills his fishing bag in short order.

While this kind of fishing makes sense on a party boat, the angler who fishes from his own boat or from a rental skiff will enjoy greater sport with light tackle. The underrated mackerel will then put up as strong a fight as a blue of comparable size. In fact, mackerel, like miniature tunas, are much quicker than blues.

One reason for the mackerel's greater speed is his sleek body and a large crescent-shaped tail that resembles the moon on its quarter phase. The rigid tail, joined by tough muscles, gives the mackerel his quick acceleration. Imperceptible small

Often taken in large quantities, the mackerel season is short and the demand great.

scales on a gleaming hide of green and silver further reduce friction in the water. Unlike the blue's Rocky Marciano wallop, the mackerel jabs a lure with the grace of Sugar Ray Robinson and bolts for Boston before you can put the brakes on.

One day last May, I welcomed the opportunity to use light tackle, with two friends, Jerry Leitner and Selig Alkon, who own a 23' Chris Craft powered by a 180 h.p. inboard. They're old hands at plugging for blues and weaks in Great South Bay and around Fire Island Inlet. Occasionally, when the family joins them, they fish for fluke as well. Mackerel fishing, however, was new to them, probably because they usually start fishing in June. I convinced them that they were missing some of the hottest fishing of the season and we were soon heading out of Fire Island Inlet. We were in no rush to get to the fishing grounds at dawn, however, because mackerel are active throughout the day during the peak of their northerly migration, and by ten in the morning we joined the fleet between the Lighthouse and the water tower, just east of the inlet. Since they had never caught mackerel before, Jerry and Selig agreed that mackerel trees would be a good start. Having caught my share for the freezer only a few days earlier on one of Captree's numerous party boats, I was eager to enjoy some **real** mackerel fishing with a 6' spinning rod that quivered at the tip and a Daiwa 1300 filled with 8 lb. test. (Later I was sorry I hadn't tried 4 lb. test.) A 1 oz. diamond jig with a single unadorned hook dangled below and one yellow tube teaser (borrowed from a mackerel tree rig) hung from a dropper about 8'' above.

The first two drifts yielded only a few fish, but just when Selig and Jerry were becoming skeptical, I said: ''You see those party boats? They have a quarter of a million invested in electronics, and if they're fishing here, I have faith.'' Sure enough, we soon landed over a large school. Within two minutes, we suddenly had ten mackerel. Not wanting to continue ''meat fishing'' like this, Selig and Jerry removed all but one teaser from their rigs and retied their diamond jigs. At one point, the mackerel were so densely schooled around the boat that casting became redundant. You simply dropped your lure below and watched your rod impersonate a bow. Mine plunged right into the water when two macks decided to gang up and maul my teaser/jig combination, and I barely managed to rescue my rig from the Atlantic. Since none of us wanted more fish than we could handle, we left the mackerel screaming after a couple of hectic, but fun-filled hours.

Those who would like to try ultra-light gear for mackerel (6 lb. test or under), are advised to bring along a net, since the fish weigh 1-2½ lbs. Besides, trying to net a mackerel is just as exciting as playing one; it's an exercise in frustration, like tying a Bimini twist in a raging nor'easter. By the time you aim the net for the bow, the fish is at the stern.

The best mackerel fishing generally occurs during the first two weeks in May, although some seasons they arrive slightly earlier or later. It's a wonder they're so accurate, considering that they begin migrating from great depths in the ocean and have been working their way up the Carolina coast. Once the mackerel arrive, they can be taken all along the south shore, Long Island Sound and the east end bays. As the brief season progresses, the great schools scatter and the best fishing is relegated to the early hours. Weather and tides are relatively unimportant, for I have taken mackerel in choppy water and on a dead flat sea at all hours.

Party boats on the Atlantic side of Fire Island Inlet generally work no more than three or four miles from shore. Other party boats may be boarded to the west, as well as on the Sound. But those who want to try light tackle sport fishing for mackerel would do better to rent a skiff on Long Island Sound or Peconic Bay. At Port Jefferson, for instance, mackerel fishermen drift inside of buoy 11, within a mile from shore. Light tackle enthusiasts also catch mackerel on Peconic Bay's Middle Grounds, as well as around Shelter Island. It's wise to check at local tackle shops and fishing stations, or to read the local reports in this publication. Remember, though, the peak of the migration is brief. Two years ago, I waited too long. Having advised two buddies to try Port Jefferson, and they bailed mackerel non-stop, I tried for the fish only five days later.

''How's the mackerel fishing?'' I asked the proprietor of the fishing station, as if I didn't know.

''It was great,'' he answered. ''They left yesterday.'' When the mackerel agree that it's time to head north, they leave in their wake a host of sea robins and sundials. There are no stragglers.

Mackerel are the easiest fish to prepare for either the broiler or the freezer. Three cuts and the job is done: one is made from the vent to the lower jaw; the other is for removing the head just behind the pectoral fins; and the third is made along the backbone for flattening the fish. No scaling, no slime, the mackerel is a ''clean fish.'' A quick rinse removes coagulated blood from the backbone, and the fish is dressed.

Unfortunately, the mackerel is an oily fish and doesn't keep well in the freezer for long periods. Fresh mackerel, however, is rich in unsaturated fat and is excellent table fare when broiled in butter and spiced with paprika or lemon pepper. I also keep a few undressed mackerel in the freezer for bait. Blues and bass, like many fishermen, find mackerel a delightful dinner.

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BATTERY MAINTENANCE TIPS

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Often overlooked because it's out of sight and out of mind, the boat battery can be THE major cause of frustration when you're trying to get out on the water. More than once, an engine has failed to start and electrical accessories have refused to work because the battery won't go. Proper selection and maintenance can go a long way in eliminating these problems. Regardless of power requirements, your boat should be equipped with a **marine** battery rather than an **automotive** battery. Marine units are built tough to withstand constant pounding and vibration.

Practicing the following steps will prolong the life of your battery as well as saving you time and money.

Cleaning—Keep the battery dry and clean. Moisture, dirt and corrosion impair the flow of current, and provide a path that allows stored energy to escape.

Periodic washings with a mild solution of water and baking soda are recommended, along with regular inspections for corrosion accumulations.

Corrosion is best removed with a wire brush. Scrub the terminals with the brush, and use a clean rag to wipe the rest of the battery's case. Always rinse with clear water, then dry the battery thoroughly. Application of petroleum jelly or some other non-metallic grease to the terminals will minimize corrosion and reduce the need for frequent scrubbings.

Check the battery box, too, and wash it when necessary.

And before cleaning begins, be sure the vent caps are secure to avoid water seepage into the battery. Seepage can dilute the electrolyte solution inside.

Watering—Maintain the electrolyte level above the top of the plates and below the vent-cap openings. If the electrolyte level drops too low, the plates dry and fall prey to sulfation (the growth of crystalline sulfate on the dried portions of the plates exposed to air). The sulfated area becomes inactive, and the battery's ability to deliver current is permanently weakened.

Use distilled water if possible, although any potable water is acceptable. Clean water is a must because contaminants, especially minerals, can settle on the plates and affect battery life and performance.

Beware, though: too much water can be as bad as too little. Excessive filling that floods the vent-cap openings dilutes sulfuric acid, and drops the battery's charge.

Charging—Charge a battery promptly to restore its power. The charging process reverses the chemical actions that take place in a battery during discharge. When restored to full charge, the battery is ready to work at peak performance again.

Prompt charging is important because a battery that is completely discharged, or one that has been left partially discharged over a long period of time, will have a shorter life span. You'll learn how much charging a battery requires by using a hydrometer, which gives a quick reading of the battery's state of charge.

A deep-cycle battery, specially built to supply power to electric accessories for hours at a time, should be recharged after each day's use. A starting battery, since it should be used only for cranking purposes, needs less frequent attention, but should be checked regularly.

Quick-charging works fine with a starting battery, which is constructed with many thin plates to permit the fast electrical flow necessary to crank an engine. But a deep-cycle battery, built with thicker plates to maintain a longer-lasting energy reserve, cannot absorb the massive push of amps without damage and should be recharged slowly.

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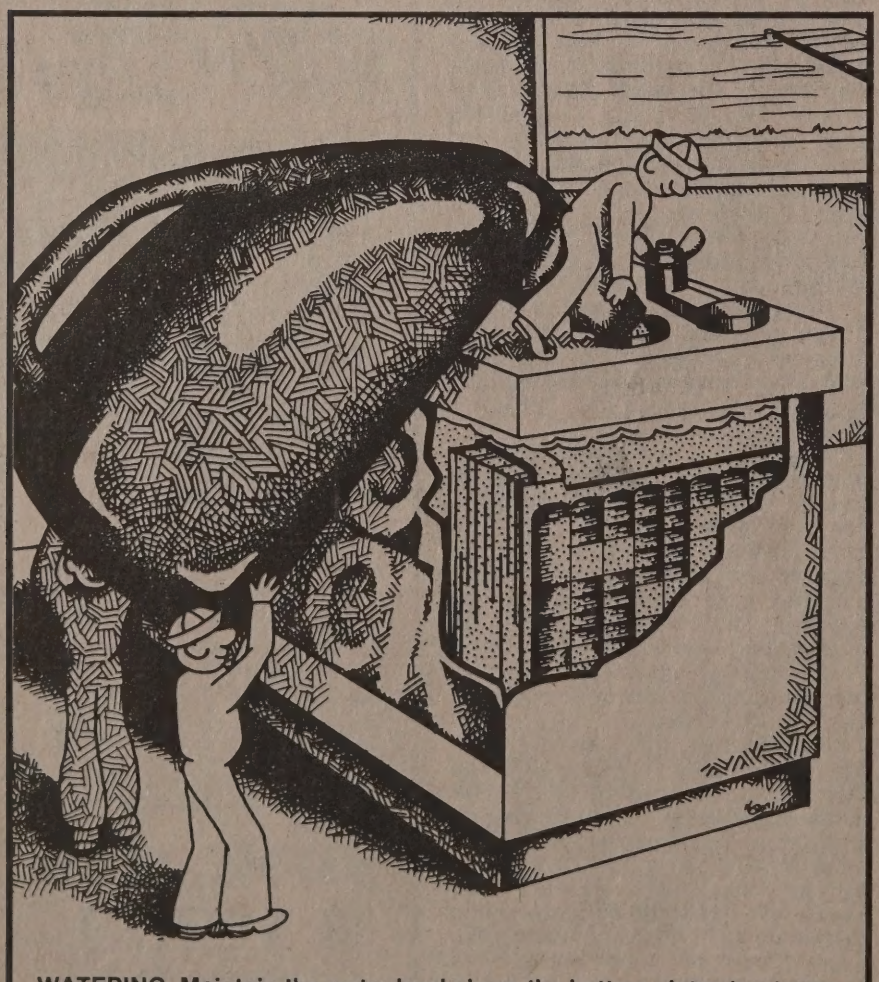


WATERING. Maintain the water level above the battery plates but below the vent-cap openings. Distilled water is preferred, but any potable water is acceptable.

amps—enough to recharge a starting battery but insufficient for a deep-cycle unit.

Before using a charger, be familiar with the manufacturer's instructions. And be sure it's the proper-sized charger for your battery. A retail store attendant can help you select a suitable one.

A charger that works too fast generates too much heat and accelerates water loss; while one that trickles energy back into the battery too slowly may not always restore power completely within a reasonable time. In any event, a battery should not be in the charging process for more than 16 hours, so the best charger is one that can do the job overnight.

When shopping for a charger, consider one with a timer switch. These chargers eliminate danger of overcharging, which damages the plates, accelerates water loss and reduces battery life.

Most important: be cautious. Make sure the charger's rate switch and timer are off when connecting or disconnecting it from the battery. And work in a well-ventilated area. A battery produces hydrogen and oxygen gases while operating. These gases escape through the battery vents and can form an explosive atmosphere in and around the battery when ventilation is poor.

When working around batteries, wear safety goggles and don't smoke. Keep flames and any other spark-causing sources away from the work area. It's a good idea **never** to lean over a battery with a lit cigarette in your mouth or hand.

Finally, make sure the charger clamps are clean and properly connected. A poor connection could cause a battery to explode.

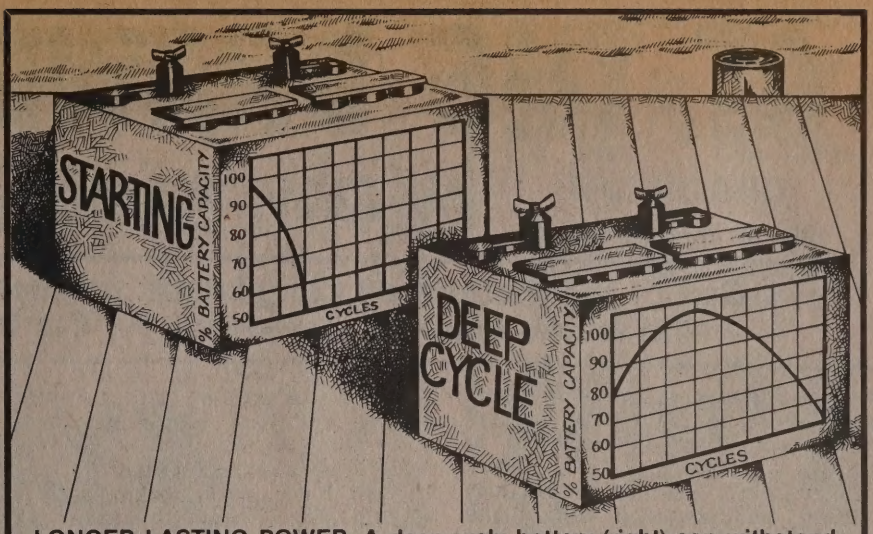
Storing—Batteries that won't be used for extended periods of time last longer when properly stored. Charge the battery fully and place it in a cool, dry place.

Batteries discharge while standing, and the process is accelerated under warm and humid conditions. Typically, a battery self-discharges at a rate of about 4% each day. Hence, a stored battery's state-of-charge should be checked often, and the battery recharged whenever its capacity has dropped below 75%.

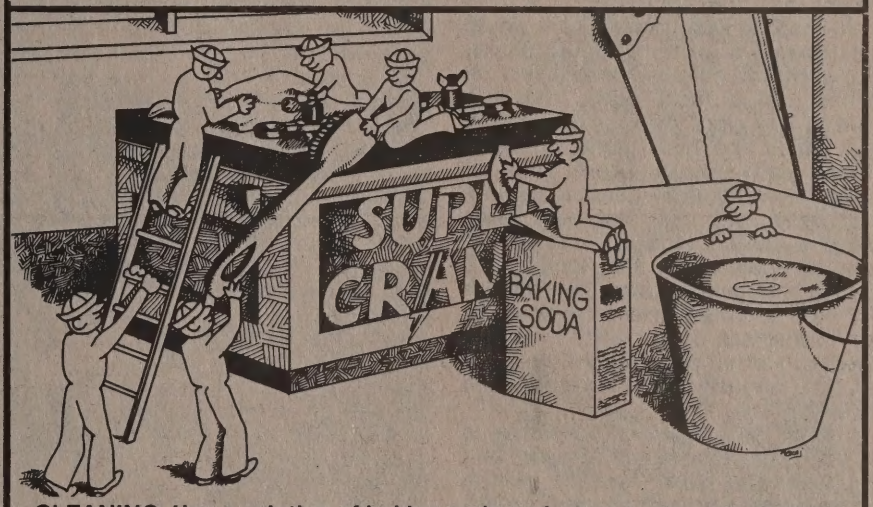
Sulfation, which attacks dry plates (see watering section), also occurs when a battery is undercharged. The hardened sulfate crystals that form make it difficult to ever fully charge a battery again; capacity is permanently reduced.

Before re-installing your battery, clean, water and fully charge it again.

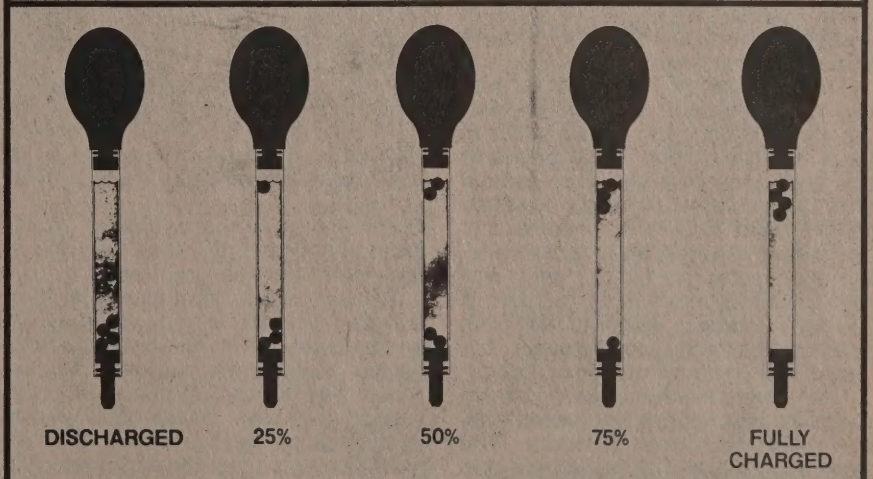
The Automotive Battery Division of Gould Inc. offers a free, 16-page booklet, "A Few Hard Facts About Marine/RV Batteries," that concisely summarizes maintenance techniques as well as usage tips to prolong battery life. The booklet is available by writing Action Pack-Super Crank, Gould Inc., P.O. Box 43140, St. Paul, MN 55164.



LONGER LASTING POWER. A deep-cycly battery (right) can withstand many more discharge/recharge cycles than a starting battery, thereby making it ideal for use with electrical equipment that requires continuous low voltage, such as a trolling motor, depth finder, ship-to-shore radio or a refrigeration unit.



CLEANING. Use a solution of baking soda and water to clean the battery terminals and container. Rinse with clean water, then dry with a clean cloth to remove excess moisture. Keep vent caps secure to avoid water seepage into the battery's interior.



HANDY HYDROMETER. Although more sophisticated versions are available, a simple floating ball hydrometer quickly tells how much charging a battery needs. The amount of energy present within the battery is determined by counting how many of the four balls rise when electrolyte (a water/acid solution inside the battery) is drawn into the hydrometer's stem. If three balls rise, for example, the battery is approximately at 75 percent of full capacity.

AT THE DRAWBRIDGE

by D.W. Anthony

One of the first places Long Island surfmen look to connect with weaks is in the shadow of the Captree Drawbridge.

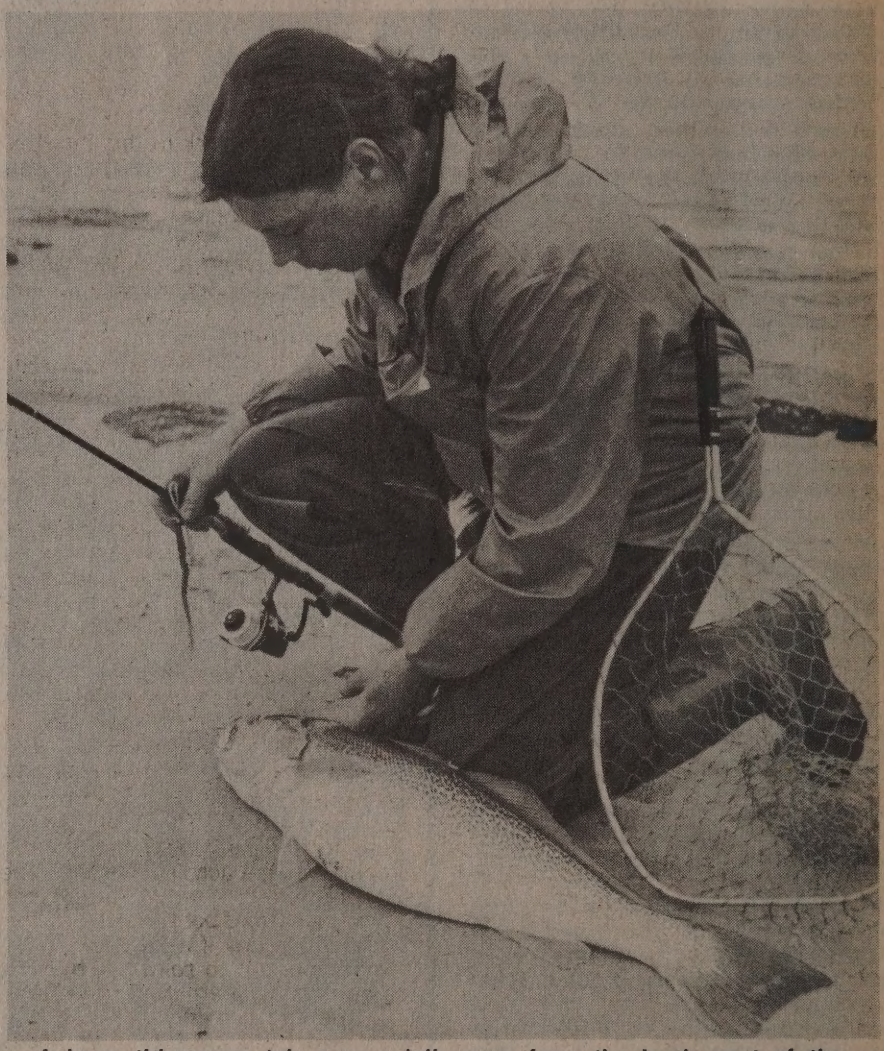
Are you one of those surf fishing nuts who just has to get out there early? Maybe you travel to Northport to sample some of Lilco's hot water winter fishing. The restlessness does intensify in March and April. Some surf fishermen try to alleviate this stress by trying their hand at flounder fishing, and although some tasty fat flounder can help subdue the anxiety a little, we still need those game fish to get the adrenalin going.

Perhaps in years gone by you would take some worms to the South Shore; the front offered some good action on school bass in those years. That was mid to late April fishing, and it was just about the best game in town. Those early South Shore runs of school bass just don't seem to happen any more, although last year there were a couple of small flurries at several spots. Still, the action isn't strong enough to warrant any intense fishing. So what does an over-eager surf fisherman do in April? In recent years any attempt to satisfy the early season anguish has been spelled WEAKFISH.

It's for sure that April weather is about as predictable as a tornado, and thus, we can never be sure exactly when those earliest arriving weaks will start to feed. If the weather stays windy and cold, then catches by hook and line may have to wait until May; but if we get any kind of break with warm weather, then the last week in April may mean an excellent chance to catch tiderunners.

There are several places one could try, yet year in and year out the best chance of connecting would seem to be at the drawbridge just a bit north and to the west of Captree. Here tidal currents sweep through a deep channel and this forms eddies and swirls that can trap bait. Meanwhile, the deep water is a terrific swim-way for weaks that move from one part of the bay to the next, either to feed or to spawn. No matter the reason, the weaks will be there sooner or later.

One problem—this does not seem to be an area where the weaks stay and feed for long periods. The appearance of the fish is sudden, and although a number of rods may go down almost simultaneously, it isn't likely that any one fisherman will catch more than two while the school passes. Another school or two may come by later, but not always. Thus, surf-bound fishermen get a quick shot and one needs to make the most of it.



A huge tiderunner taken on a jellyworm from the bank west of the Captree Drawbridge. Photo by Dick Mermon.

Of course, there are always those exceptional days, but they help make the rule rather than contradict it.

Thus, it pays to be prepared for that fast and furious flurry or you may go home fishless. That means have sharp hooks, be alert for any sign that a school has arrived, and get a good spot on the bank. Sharp hooks are a must because, in spite of the fact that weaks have soft mouths and it doesn't take tremendous force to set a hook, the water will be cold and the weaks will not hit with the authority we associate with the fish later in the year. A sharp hook will facilitate the job of getting that hook somewhere where it can hold the fish. The current will give more power to the fish than it actually has in this early season cold water, but your rod and reel can't tell the difference between current drag and the real run of a fish. Thus, make sure the drag system is running smoothly without any fits and starts. A smooth drag can minimize the loss of fish and also make the battle more enjoyable. It also pays to get there early and secure one of the better spots. Which are the better spots? More about that later.

Which lure is favored at the drawbridge? I think there is little disagreement about the answer since almost everyone throws plastic worms. We won't get into how to rig a Jelly Worm since it was recently covered by Herb Buch (refer to Issue

#12). How—I would like to make an observation. Remember in this early part of the season the weaks are not as aggressive as they will be later. Therefore, although I might just slip a red or grape worm on the hook of a lead-head in a few weeks and catch fish, now I'd rather use a second hook in the tail because those weaks will be slurping in the tails of the worm lightly and the second hook will improve your chances of connecting. Bring along at least a half-dozen pre-rigged worms so that you won't have to waste time when a school moves through. If a weak tears up your worm, you can put another on your snap quickly and be back into the action within the span of seconds instead of minutes.

I prefer to use a rather light spinning outfit because you don't have to cast very far and because you can get the most out of the fish. Light action, 7' to 9' spinning outfits are used by most fishermen, but bait-casting outfits wouldn't be out of place either. Six to ten pound test line is ample and if you're worried about breaking a fish off on a sharp object, or with crossed lines, or during landing, a 20'' piece of 15 lb. test leader should overcome most sticky situations. I prefer a small black swivel on one end and a small snap at the lure end of my leader. This combination minimizes line twist, makes it easy to change lures quickly, and reduces the amount of hardware near the lure. If you want, you can also tie a feather teaser or Red Gill teaser to the eye of the swivel to add a little more choice of menu. The teaser can pay off at times when the weaks seem to prefer a small bait.

The water is rather deep and the current strong, so I like to cast my worm out slightly up-current and let it settle. Then I retrieve very slowly with easy short lifts of the rod tip. Most strikes will come as the worm swings past you on its trip down-current and as you let the lure settle after a gentle jig. Don't expect a strong hit; but rather just the lightest rap. Set the hook quickly and then if the fish runs, be patient—remember weaks have tender mouths. Use a light drag even though it may be crowded with fishermen and instead of trying to bull your fish to you, walk it down-current, under and around other anglers. Although at this time of year the fish may be sluggish, these first arrivals are likely to be really big fish—perhaps up to 15 lbs. The mass of the fish will more than make up for their sluggish metabolism, so you can expect a good battle. In most or many cases you'll be able to slide your fish onto the bank; but in several spots you'll need a gaff or a net to get that fish on dry land. A short handled gaff is far easier to tote around on a web belt and is thus the choice of most fishermen.

Most of the time red and grape colored worms do the job, but there have been days when lime, white, blue, and rootbeer colors have produced best. I stick with the percentages and keep about six rigged worms in my bag along with a small plastic bag of six extra unrigged worms. I also carry a few bucktails, one or two 3/4 oz. Whip-Tails in white, and a few sinking plugs such as Rebels and RedFins. I figure, with this array of weapons, I'm in good shape for most situations.

You can get to this spot via the Robert Moses Causeway. You'll probably see some vehicles parked on the northwest corner of the land near the bridge, but those who do risk getting a ticket. We prefer to continue over the bridge and park in the Captree parking lot. Then we make the invigorating, but not difficult walk to the fishing spot. You'll need a fishing permit to park in this lot after dark, but you can get one free from any park office during business hours or at park headquarters in Babylon.

Forget about night fishing this early in the season since the weaks just don't seem interested until the water warms up a little, but since you'll be fishing dawn and dusk periods you'll either be parking your car in the lot in the dark before dawn or returning to your car in the dark after dusk and thus you'll need that permit. Yes, the best fishing is at dusk and dawn, but there are also fish to be taken any time during the day. Patient anglers work long daytime hours but are rewarded with good fish. We prefer the dawn and dusk periods because, again, the percentages seem to favor these times of the day.

Tide is another matter. Mary regulars prefer the outgoing tide and they show stringers of good fish to help make their point, but it seems to other anglers on the scene that any moving current can be quite productive. There are also those who swear by the flood tide. I have found that the combination of a good current and the twilight of either dawn or dusk is the best combination, but I'll also fish the middle of the day if it's cloudy.

It is important to point out that no fishing is either permitted or is done from the bridge. Instead, fish the sides near the bridge. The most popular place is the beach along the northwest side of the bridge. Here there is a stretch of sandy access that many anglers favor. A big Cable Crossing sign marks the scene of some of the most consistent action. However, fishermen also take fish at the other corners. In fact, at times the fishermen on the northwest beach may go fishless while one or two fellas on the southwest side will take fish. It doesn't pay to run across, however, since the fish will probably be long gone by the time you make your way there. Your best chance is to select a likely spot with good current that isn't too crowded and fish hard.

Well, that's a quick summary and I hope it helps you over-eager beavers out there to connect with a fish or two. Let's hope that 1982 sees lots of weaks at The Drawbridge.

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SHOW A LITTLE RESPECT

by Edward Haring

Fishermen put all kinds of care and effort into their equipment but how many are taking care of themselves?

Much has been written on the proper care of our fishing tackle, and unquestionably a little TLC goes a long way in making our fishing expeditions more enjoyable and productive. Often the most overlooked part of that expedition is seldom mentioned: Numero Uno—ourselves.

Two elements which go a long way toward making our trips enjoyable are water and sunshine. Indeed, without them there would not be any life on this planet. It could be said that we get to love them, but love commands respect. They go hand-in-hand, like flapjacks and maple syrup. As fishermen, we soon develop a respect for water. If we don't, we regret it sooner or later, or worse yet, our next of kin might. The sun, while not as obvious can be far more insidious. The painful sunburns with their attendant chills, peeling and puffed lips are relatively minor when compared to what the long-range effects may lead to. Yes, Old Sol demands his share of respect, too.

Sunshine is made up of a number of different rays. The ultraviolet rays are the ones that can cause injury to our skin. It is said that the damage they do is not reversible—but rather cumulative; hence their effects might not make themselves known for many years. Nature has provided us with an immunity system which varies greatly. The clue to the immunity we may possess lies in the oil content of our skin. As a rule, light complexions tend to be drier and call for a great deal more caution than the more swarthy type. Aging or a chronic illness tend to lessen our resistance. Hair coloring is an indicator, too. Blondes and redheads are less resistant than persons with black hair.

Once our immune system reaches its low point, troubles may develop in the form of a crusty patch or sore that refuses to heal within a reasonable time. Should this occur, it would be wise to consult a dermatologist (which is the long way of saying skin specialist). In some cases, he may recommend a biopsy, which can be performed in the office painlessly, with no after effects. If neglected, the lesion may become malignant and the cancerous cells spread to other parts of the body causing disfigurement and even death. Over a quarter

Despite the warmth of the Florida Keys, skin protection is a prime concern. Note long sleeve shirt, hat and sunglasses.

million cases of skin cancer are reported each year. In the neighborhood of five thousand fatalities are attributed to this source.

Before you rush off to trade your fishing gear for pool cues and bowling balls, read on. The picture is not as dismal as it may seem. When you stop to analyze these figures, think of the many millions who are exposed and in many cases over—to the sun each year while at work or outdoor recreational activities. Using a little common sense will go a long way towards avoiding any harmful effects. The simplest way is to avoid over-exposure. Recognize the fact that you, as a fisherman, are bombarded by twice the amount of Old Sol's rays as a golfer would be at the same time of day. Why? Take the reflective power of the water and sand into consideration. If you have a knowledge of photography you are aware that it takes twice the exposure to record a landscape than a marine scene. Among the many avenues of escaping over-exposure open to us are clothing, sunscreens and selecting the best times of the day for our trips. It will not hurt your macho image to don a shirt and light pair of trousers after moderate exposure. Even long sleeves should be considered by those with fair skin, especially early in the season. Few fishermen give a hoot for what others think in the way of dress; so choose on the safe side. That leaves the face, ears, neck and backs of hands without any protection. Proper headgear would come in handy here, but there just doesn't seem to be any on the market. It can be improvised, but for the time being let's go to what's readily available.

Sunscreening lotions, not to be confused with suntan products, go a long way to give us the protection our immunity system may lack. There are a wide variety of brands and prices to choose from. By government standards, each is required to show the amount of protection they afford. These numbers generally range between 2X and 15X. The higher the number, the greater protection, but the least possible tanning effect. When in doubt, opt for the higher numbers. Remember, though, this is not a cure-all. If you have tender skin, keep the exposure time down as much as possible. Follow the directions on the label and scrub off the areas later with hot water and plenty of soap.

Both surf casters and boat owners can easily avoid the hours when the sun is at its zenith. Dawn, dusk and even the dark of night may be far more productive fishwise, too. On party boats you have a cabin available, so why not use it while not engaged in actual fishing? The only suggestion that can be made for the open boat fisherman is to fish with your back to the sun and limit the time you stay out. Raising your shirt collar and reversing your cap helps. It all boils down to SOS (save our skin). You have to live in it, so give it a little TLC too.

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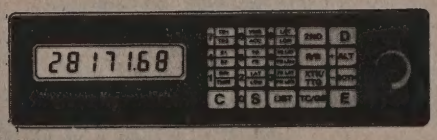

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WHY NOT A WORLD RECORD?

by Al Ristori

Fishing for a record is not for everyone but it does provide an enjoyable challenge for many anglers.

One of the great joys of fishing is that it can be anything you want it to be. For some, it's a contemplative sport to be enjoyed in privacy with nature; while others wouldn't think of going without companionship. By the same token there are some anglers who are concerned almost exclusively with records, while others wouldn't give a thought to the subject. Fishing can be enjoyed in many ways, but holding a record in your favorite sport "couldn't hurt" and the IGFA is making it ever easier for the average fisherman to join the ranks of angling's elite.

As I was growing up, world record fish seemed pretty unattainable. The International Game Fish Association (IGFA) didn't recognize too many species, and only a few of those were fish which I could hope to catch. However, more species have been added over the years—and great changes have occurred recently which makes record setting a possibility for anyone fishing with rod and reel.

Within the last few years, IGFA has tremendously expanded their program by adding many saltwater species and taking over freshwater record keeping. The first big move occurred when "Field & Stream" magazine turned over to IGFA the freshwater all tackle records that they'd been keeping for many years. Then agreements were reached with the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame, the Salt Water Fly Rodders of American, and the International Spin Fishing Association. Since then the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame has had a dispute with IGFA and gone back into separate record keeping, but IGFA continues to maintain the internationally recognized fresh water records.

The result of this great expansion on IGFA's part is that there are now thousands of records to aim at—many of which aren't even filled as yet. In the past, when IGFA reviewed an established record and decided to drop it for one reason or another, a very high minimum weight was established for any new claimants to that mark. However, the dozens of new species added don't have minimum sizes, and the initial record holder may be a relatively routine fish. There are still a great many vacancies in the freshwater records, and even quite a few for some of the newer species added in saltwater.

Fly rod enthusiasts stand a good chance of setting a world record in the brine.

As great as the opportunities provided by that expansion are, a projected change for 1982 can make the possibilities almost endless. For the last two years, IGFA has been running an annual contest open to all—and for any species of fish. Based on contest entries, some new species have been added to the regular record categories—and it's likely that more will join that list after the 1981 contest is completed. However, going a step beyond that, IGFA now plans to accept all-tackle world records for any species at all! Therefore, even if there isn't enough interest indicated by record submissions for the Atlantic mackerel (for instance) to be added to the regular record system, it will be possible for anyone to enter a big specimen for the single record available.

As I've noted on a couple of occasions, the opportunities to set world records have never been better. With so many records vacant or filled by relatively small fish, it doesn't even require much effort to come up with a world record. An example of

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this was the filling of the 16 lb. line class for lake trout with a fish of 7 lb. 1 oz. Charles Hill caught that fish in Lake Michigan on April 18 and filled in a vacant spot for that species. All the records for lake trout on lighter lines are heavier (such as the 32 lb. 12 oz. fish on 12 lb.), and the all tackle record for that species is 65 lbs., but that small laker rates a world record certificate for at least awhile.

Looking over the IGFA's World Record Game Fishes/1981 book, the world record possibilities seem endless. You'd have to catch a spectacular striped bass to make the list (though several record stripers were taken this year); but the year started out with loads of vacant spots for several species of sunfish and bullheads, plus shad and catfish. There were even vacancies in 8 lb. for pickerel (where the 4 lb. record was only 1 lb. 14 oz.) and in 16 lb. for smallmouth bass. While the saltwater striper records seemed unattainable, 30 and 50 lb. line class categories for landlocked striped bass were open to anyone willing to submit an entry.

Of course, some of those vacancies have been filled in during the year. However, I'm willing to bet that a look through the 1982 edition of World Record Game Fishes (available in the spring) will reveal many opportunities which you can take advantage of. If you're a fly fisherman, the opportunities are literally boundless. At the beginning of 1982, practically every freshwater fly record in every tippet class from 2 lb. to 16 lb. was vacant. The saltwater fly records have a much longer history, but they, too, have lots of gaps. All IGFA species are recognized for the fly records, and there were no entries at all for summer flounder (fluke). Steve Sloan is one angler who's made a real effort at filling in the saltwater fly rod records. As of the 1981 book he owned all the blue shark marks, though all were fish of modest size (such as one of 42½ lbs. on 10 lb. tippet). Ironically, Steve's biggest blue shark record was on the lightest saltwater tippet class: a 114 lb. 12 oz. blue on 6 lb. tippet. Steve also had the sole bluefin tuna fly rod record (9½ lbs. on 15 lb. tippet), but I know that he added to that during the good school tuna run off Block Island in late August.

The IGFA has traditionally taken care of the ladies in its saltwater record categories, though the fresh water and fly rod records are unisex. There is some feeling within IGFA for dropping the women's categories in saltwater also, but the historical nature of those records will probably keep them around for some time. Of course, in more than a few cases, the women's record is larger than the men's! However, there are some soft spots in the ladies' records which can be exploited. The light tackle (6 and 12 lb.) women's records for common local species aren't generally too large, and the 6 lb. class for Atlantic bonito was vacant at the beginning of the year (with a minimum weight of only 6 lbs). Ronnie DeLuca is one local anglerette who has made a real attempt to break some of these records, and she owns the 6 lb. cod mark at 17 lb. 9 oz. plus the 6 lb. fluke record at 8½ lbs. Perhaps by this time Ronnie will also have the 6 lb. record for pollack (which was vacant; minimum weight only 12 lbs.) and 12 lb. record for that species which is only 15 lb. 7 oz.

As previously noted, the best chance for the average angler is with a new record. We have a number of species which can be caught from party boats, skiffs, and even from shore which haven't received recognition as yet. Some are quite small and perhaps aren't suitable for a complete range of line class records—though that privilege is extended to such freshwater species (all tackle record in parentheses) as the rock bass (3 lb), yellow bass (2¼ lbs.), yellow bullhead (3 lb.), Florida gar (4 lb.), shortnose gar (3.5), white perch (4.12), yellow perch (4.3), northern redhorse (3.11), green sunfish (2.2), redbreast sunfish (1½ lbs.), redear sunfish (4½ lbs.), warmouth (2.2), and round whitefish (3¼ lbs.) This list includes only those freshwater species with all tackle records below 5 lbs. Many others aren't much greater than that, and records for such local species as the porgy, mackerel, and winter flounder would probably be above that level.

Especially considering those freshwater species which are recognized, there's no reason to feel guilty about entering any local fish presently on the list. In addition to the obvious porgy, mackerel and winter flounder, you might include the tilefish, whiting (silver hake), ling (red hake), white hake, bergall (cunner) sea robin, kingfish, horned dogfish, croaker, and eel. Two of our most common sharks also aren't presently recognized: the brown (sandbar) and dusky. Certainly if such marginal freshwater species as the redhorse, drum and five types of gar can be recognized, then there should be no hesitation to accept the local species noted.

Why then are so many fish presently excluded from the IGFA listings? Primarily it's a matter of lack of interest on the part of those who fish for them. If those anglers submitted their best catches of various species to the IGFA contest (world record form, photos and line samples required), it's very likely that the species would be added to the list under the current policy. If the contemplated change for next year goes into effect, it won't even be necessary for others to participate in the process. You'll be able to submit any species for an all tackle record.

The one real problem involved in applying for a record is the paper work involved. There would be many

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more records if it were possible to simply weigh in the fish and send in a simple form. However, the requirements for a world record are more complex. First of all, you must be using legitimate tackle. Most tackle normally used by anglers qualifies, but the member clubs of IGFA throughout the world have never accepted wire line. A couple of years ago, that prohibition prevented me from entering an Atlantic bonito and a horse-eye jack—both of which would have been all tackle records at the time. Treble-hooked lures used to be illegal, but they're now all right—provided that there are no more than three trebles to a plug. Bottom fishermen are restricted to two hook rigs. Only single hooks are permitted for live bait fishing—and not more than two of them.

The basic fighting rules are pretty obvious. The fish must be hooked and fought by the angler alone. Double lines or leaders up to 30' are permitted in saltwater, though the total of the two may not be more than 40'. In freshwater either is limited to 6', with a total of 10'. No one may touch any of your equipment until the leader is grabbed, and the use of harpoons, guns, or lances in capturing the fish is illegal. During the fight the rod cannot be put in a rod holder or rested on the gunwale. For fly rod records, there is the additional stipulation that the boat must be out of gear when the fly is cast.

In order to apply for a record you'll need the IGFA form and must follow all of the regulations pertaining to signatures, photos, line sample, etc. If fishing on a boat, you'll need the signature of captain and mate. The official weighmaster's signature is required, along with those of witnesses. In addition, there's a requirement for a fly rod record of a witness to the actual catching of the fish. A photo is required, and in some cases, is essential for identification of the species. Basically, IGFA wants shots of the fish both hanging and on a flat surface. The scale used to weigh the fish must be certified and also shown in the photo. Measurements (both overall and to the fork of the tail) are required, as is a description of the equipment, the entire leader, double line and at least the first 50' of single line.

Those are the basics of what's required. For complete details, write to IGFA. There is no entry fee called for, and the entire cost of this record process is borne by the thousands of IGFA members throughout the world through their dues—and the very substantial contributions of the organization's officers and trustees. You can do your part in this great effort by joining as a regular member ($20) or contributing member ($30). That entitles you to the bi-monthly International Angler, the World Record Game Fishes annual, and many other IGFA mailings. The address is IGFA, 3000 E. Las Olas Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

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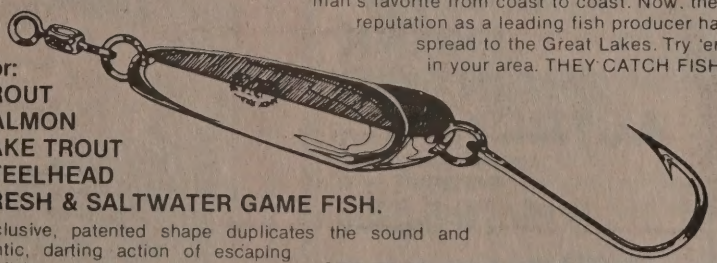

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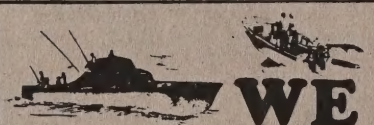

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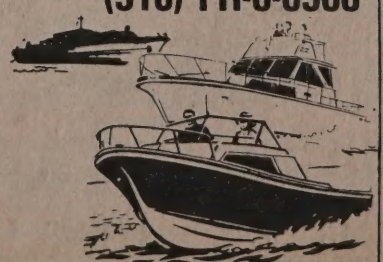


CUSTOMIZE YOUR ALUMINUM BOAT

by Pete Barrett

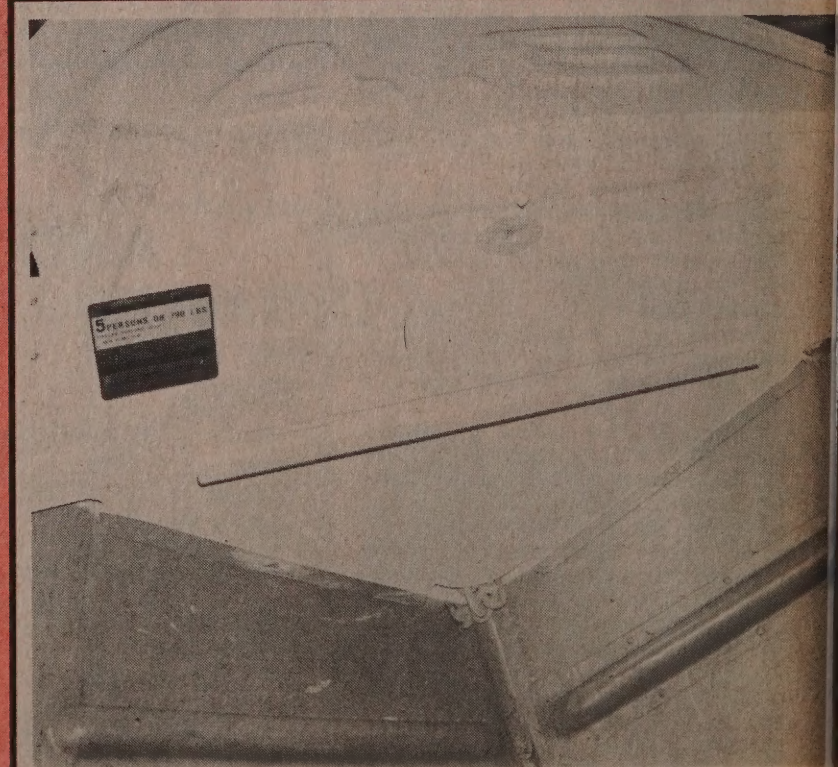
"Aluminum boats can be modified to suit a wide variety of angling needs."

One of my favorite boats over the last twenty years has been the 12' to 16' aluminum skiffs. Years ago they were given the nickname of "tin boats" and, despite the fact that the boats have no tin in them at all, the name has stuck and many lake, bay, river or inshore ocean fishermen run tin boats for most of their fishing.

Fuel prices, high interest rates for boat loans and the use of smaller cars by many fresh and salt water fishermen are bringing about a resurgence of interest and sales of aluminum boats. Many boat dealers along the coast and in more inland areas are reporting a brisk business selling these traditional and versatile boats.

I've only been without a small skiff for a short time a few years back, and quickly felt the loss of mobility. Not having a small boat hurt my flour fishing, kept me away from s spring bass fishing in the Hud River and Long Island Sound and down on my bay fluke fishing effor quickly remedied the situation wi Grumman 4.6 meter utility boat "Plain Jane" type of skiff that is i for Long Island's south shore b Long Island Sound, north shore bors and even for inshore work aro the inlets and along ocean beac providing you have calm sea co tions. The boat has been used to Peconic Bay weaks, Moriches flatties, stripers in Fire Island Jones Inlets, blackfish at Orient monster blues in north shore har- bors.

It's similar in function and size other "tin boats" marketed Starcraft, Duranautic, MirroCraft



Aluminum angles were screwed into front bulkhead and seats to supp plywood decks.

nost of others. They are all light in ight, roomy and run on quarts of el instead of gallons.

I've rigged my skiff with a 35 h.p. inrude, which is the tops you can t on a rig like this. However, with o anglers, a live tank for bunker d a strong current at the Inlet, the is mighty welcome in the power partment! If you don't run offshore th your rig, then an 18 or 25 horse tboard would be plenty.

Because of their versatility, alumi- m boats can be modified to suit the eds of a wide variety of angling eferences. I like some extra dry orage and a built-up bow and stern sting platform. I like the more able casting area of a small plywood ck rather than standing on a single at which can be a tricky maneuver. The platforms I added on my skiff re easy to build and cost less than 0 to put together. The increase in hability was dramatic.

The platforms are cut from 3/4" arine grade plywood for strength. If u are like me and have trouble tting a straight line, you may want consult with your local marina to t a carpenter familiar with boats to t you a cardboard template to match e curve at the bow of the boat. A end of mine, who makes custom binets for fishing boats, gave us me help in forming and cutting the w platform. From there it was clear iling and, in fact, my son did most of e work while I watched!

Aluminum angles were screwed to e fore deck and front seat, the ansom and back of the stern seat. Once in place, the plywood platforms simply dropped in position resting on the angles.

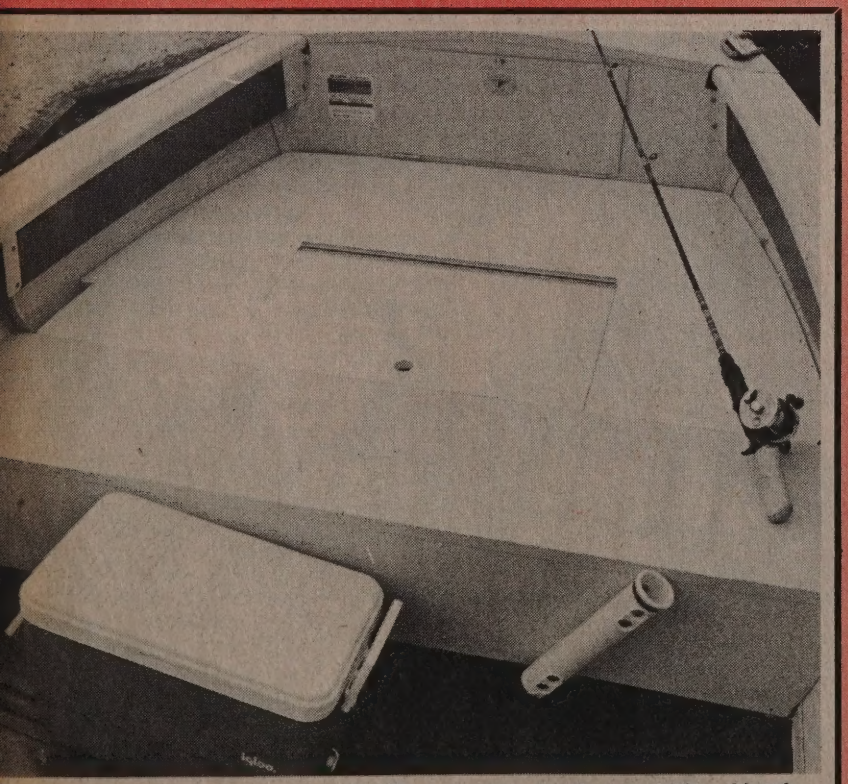
A hatch was cut in the bow platform to allow access to the new compartment beneath it. A stainless steel piano-type hinge held it securely in place. Wooden jams were screwed under the platform to support the hatch as it closed down flush with the deck.

Several coats of primer and finish deck paint were applied and the platforms were placed in position and held with screws and a bead of silicone around all the edges.

The most time consuming part of the entire project was waiting for the coats of paint to dry! The rest of the work was accomplished in only a few afternoons after school and took less than a week to finish.

The boat certainly is no Queen Mary, but it does have plenty of space now to keep clothes, cameras, lunches and tackle dry, and the increase in fishing ease is terrific.

Whether you are a freshwater bass fisherman, a bay fluke fisherman, or like to run the ends of the jetties for bass, you may find these platforms to be comfortable for you, too. You will probably also find a dozen or more ways to customize your own rig to suit your own needs better. I'd like to see photos from readers who have customized their small boats and perhaps we can publish a selection of these photos to show what can be done with some ingenuity, a few hours' time and some thought to customize a "tin boat."



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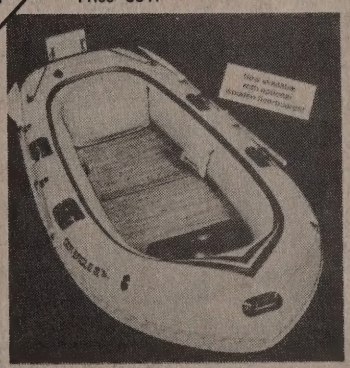

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BUILDING EFFECTIVE BASS BUGS

Part Five — *by Art Michaels*

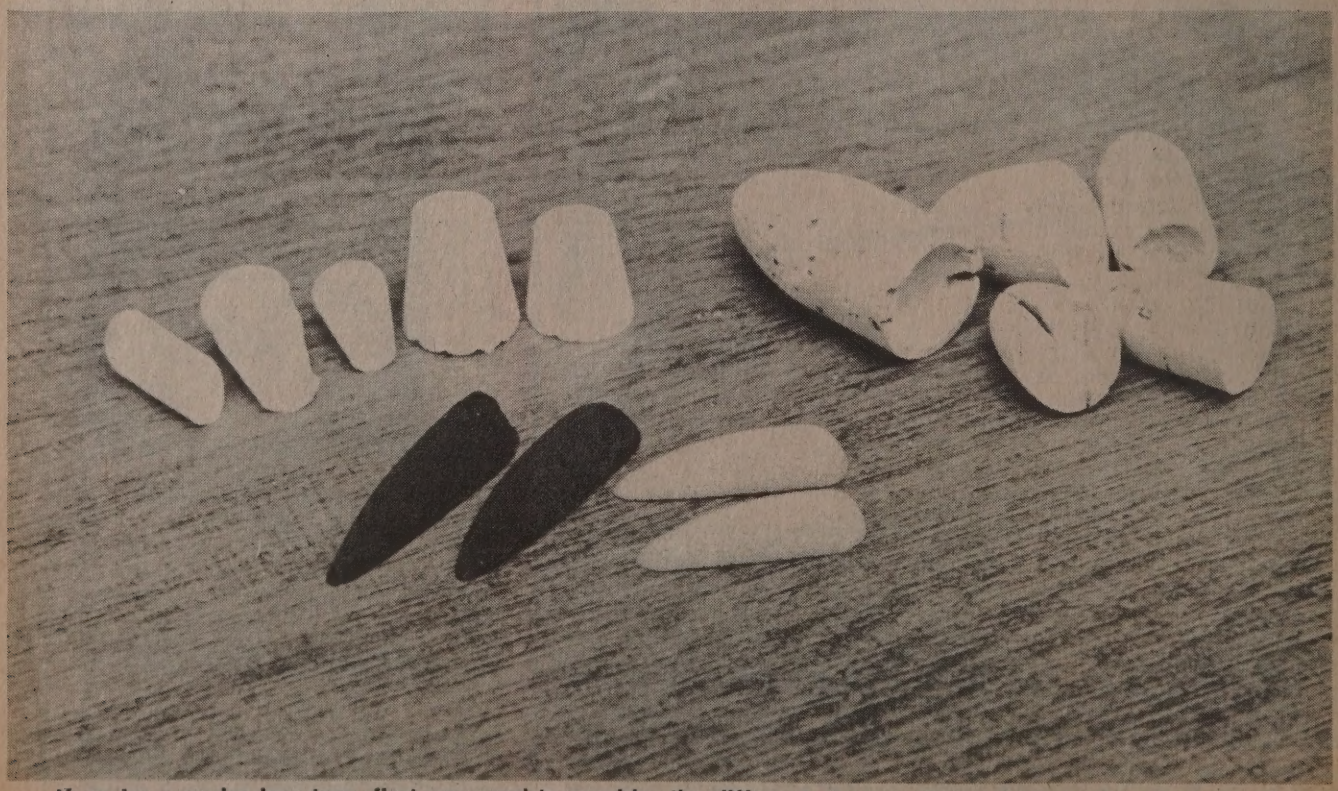
Novice bass bug builders who observe some construction rules can catch the most bass on their creations if they match up their bugs with heads-up fishing strategies. However, a well-built, first bass bug often makes the difference between catching fish and getting skunked no matter how skilled the angler may be. Here, then, are nine tips to building those first, effective bass bugs.

1. Cork, balsa wood, plastic, and rubber float differently. Each material has properties you should consider before you build a bug. Balsa wood, for instance, floats higher than cork, but it's not as strong. Plastic floats just as high as cork, maybe even higher, but it's more difficult to work with. Rubber does not float as well as the other materials, but it's very easy to work with. For consistent results and practice in first-time bug building, stick to one material for all your bass bugs. I usually go with cork because it's the easiest to obtain with the most variety of pre-cut shapes and sizes.

2. Bug shape counts. Before you buy materials for bugs, consider their shapes and plan their uses. I build many bugs with flat bottoms because they pick up easily and quietly off the water. Bullet corks and poppers with recessed heads should be used as plunkers, which make a lot of noise. Plunkers pick up clumsily off the water compared to bugs of other shapes, so you wouldn't want to fish them were delicacy of presentation is a main consideration. Of course, you could flatten these bug bottoms by using Silicon Carbide 400 paper made by 3M. Making bass bugs from tapered corks with the pointed end at the front is an unusual design, but one that takes a lot of bass because of its action in the water—darting quietly, as an injured minnow might move.

3. Bug size matching hook size is critical. No other element in bass bug construction causes so many strikes to be missed and so many fish to be lost. A good rule of thumb is to fit hooks to your bug bodies so that hook points clear the end of the body with an imaginary line drawn perpendicular to the hook shank from the hook point.

4. Build the rear end first. It's a good idea to tie on your bug's tail and hackle before you glue the hook to the body. You can get a better fit between the hackle and the body this way, and if you make a mistake in placement of the hackle or tail, you don't have to



If you're a novice bug tyer, first you need to consider the different characteristics of what a bug is made of: balsa wood, cork, sponge rubber, or plastic. Then you need to match the bug's shape with its intended uses.

waste a cork or settle for a sloppy job. Start again with another hook, or re-tie the first one. To make your bug semi-weedless, tie on the hook hackle thickly so that it partially covers the hook point. I like to fish bugs tied this way in the holes between thick sections of lily pads that may be choked with duck weed, a common situation of Jersey waterways.

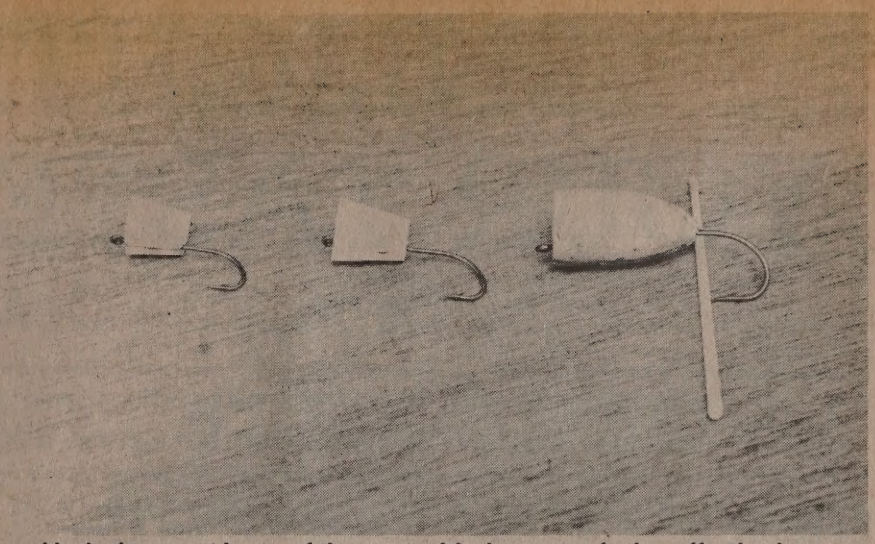
5. A solidly glued hook is a bass bug's backbone. Make sure when you glue the hook to the body, it's there to stay. When I tie cork, rubber, or plastic bugs, I use epoxy glue. Goodyear's Pliobond works, too. There may be other glues that work well, but I stick with epoxy glue. Gluing hooks into balsa wood bug bodies is tougher because the wood greatly absorbs the glue, which creates a weak bond. The hooks on some of my first balsa wood bugs just broke off with a section of wood. You'll have better luck with balsa wood bugs if you wrap the hook shank with chenille or wool yarn before gluing it into the body, and let the glue soak into the chenille or yarn before putting it in the body.

6. Using rubber hackle on bugs drives bass wild. Rubber hackle is one of my favorite bass bug materials. The sky's the limit in designing bass bugs with rubber hackle; so there's room for fun and creativity. Try to make your creations look "buggy," and don't worry how many legs a bug has—bass are poor at counting. I've caught bass on bugs with 10 to 15 legs.

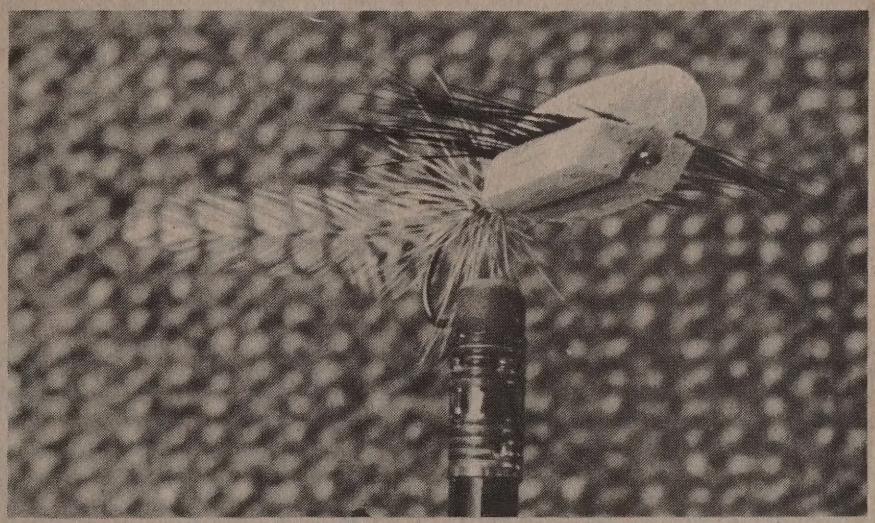
7. Saddle hackled bugs catch fish. These juicy-looking critters seem to make a bass' mouth water. Use an X-acto #213 blade (a small saw) to cut a slice on both sides of your bug, poke glue in the hole with a bodkin, and squeeze a saddle hackle in the holes. Trim it when the glue dries. These bugs are a bit cumbersome to cast, but boy—do they catch fish! I like to fish these kinds of bugs because the wing-like hackle balances the bug beautifully on the water.

8. Paint protects the particulars. In addition to making your bugs more attractive, paint strengthens and protects bug bodies, especially those made of balsa wood, from the chomping of angry and hungry bass. That's why I give most of my bugs several coats of enamel. Enamel seems to crack and chip less than lacquer and other kinds of paint. Before you paint a cork bug, you may want to fill in some of the deeper pits with plastic wood, even though the paint will act somewhat as a filler. Testors model airplane enamel is fine, as are some special formulas you can find in catalogs.

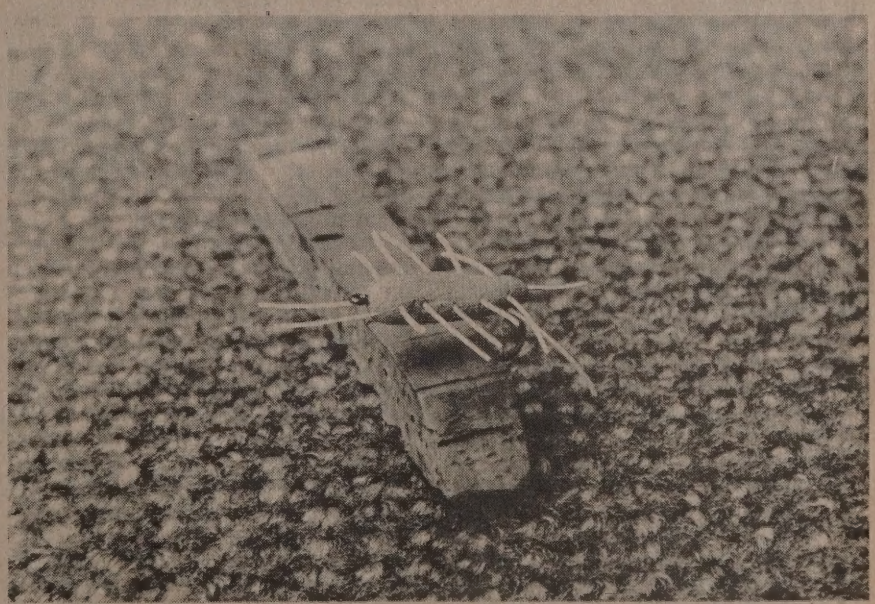
9. The eyes have it. I paint eyes on many bugs because I think it increases their effectiveness. Use two nail heads of different sizes to get a round, enticing, terrified-looking gaze on your bug eyes. Finally, I paint my bug eyes on the bottoms of the bugs, where the bass will see them better, not on top or on the sides.



Hook placement is one of the most critical aspects of tying effective bugs. The two bugs on the left have good hook placement, but the one on the right is only marginally acceptable. The hook point should more than clear the line made by the toothpick. If your bugs lack this hook point clearance, you'll miss many strikes.



Flat-bottomed bugs like this one pick up easily off the water, and bass often find the saddle hackle dressing irresistible. A coat of enamel and eyes painted on the bottom will complete this critter.



Bass can't count worth beans, so go ahead and dress your bugs with legs galore. The more "buggy-looking," the better.

ENLIGHTEN YOUR TASTE BUDS

by Capt. John DeMaio

According to this Montauk skipper, some of those trash fish being returned could make for some mighty fine eating.

Americans are taking a new look at the food they buy. A change in eating habits nurtured principally by monetary considerations has the consumer and cook, searching for value, taste and protein at reasonable prices. For the accomplished cooks amongst us, or those who simply like to cook, an inexpensive cut of meat, when embellished with the proper seasonings, can be delicious. Some people just have a knack for putting together a truly delightful meal without the need of spending a great deal of money on what they have selected to cook. You know the type; their leftovers could go on the bill of fare at "Four Seasons." Besides being able to cook an expensive roast to perfection (with sticker label prices that look like phone numbers you had better not mess it up), they can also create mouth-watering delights with lesser known cuts of meat. A great many of these household cooks have been cooking for three generations of family and have learned their way around a butcher shop. And yet the majority of these culinary wizards, who pace their kitchens with an air of authority and a feeling of absolute confidence, fall flat on their face in the fish market.

At least 30' of glass enclosed counter displays an array of fish bedded on ice. Some of the selections are strange to her. A few, such as the octopus and squid, seem almost revolting. Various whole fish lie neatly placed on the ice, their eyes starting blankly into space. A few of these pleasing to the eye, but nevertheless untried fish, are being taken to scales for weighing. From the scales the man in the white apron carries the fish to the rear of the store for cleaning. Our cook is almost tempted to ask the lady who is buying the fish, how she intends to cook it. She doesn't. As she approaches the end of the display counter her mind is almost made up. "Shrimp...no. We had that last week and they're so expensive."

Many people have never had the opportunity to sample some of the lesser known species available to us. As a fisherman, dear reader, what's your excuse? Every year you throw back fish that are not only edible but darned good. To show you the folly of your ways, let's go back in time.

Remember the blowfish? Well, if you can go back 25-30 years you will remember the blowfish as a pesty bait stealer who could eat their way through a hook leader with a set of rabbit-like teeth. Someone found out that the tails were absolutely scrumptious. (A simple cut behind the head, through the prickly skin, and the tail piece could be pulled out neatly and cleanly.) The piece of tail meat bore resemblance to a chicken leg. So, the resulting title, "Chicken of the Sea." Everyone stopped throwing back blowfish. They became actively sought by commercial interest and now, they are almost non-existent. That chicken of the sea title helped to create a rapid market for the fish. Most Americans hoped it would taste like chicken, not fish. Really, it was an ideal eating fish. With one bone that ran down the center, you could hold it in your hand and eat it like a drumstick. The flesh was soft, white and moist. No doubt about it, this one-time throwback was referred to as "great" on the dinner plate.

Look what happened to squid! Squid was always popular with Americans of Mediterranean heritage but to the rest of the populace, it was used for bait only. Now squid (calamari) is the "in" food thing in many affluent areas.

So much for past history and current trends in gourmet fish. Let's get into what's available here and now.

In the waters surrounding Block Island and offshore Montauk, very large bergalls are available. Fish up to 2 lbs. are not uncommon. Now, I'm not telling anyone to fish for bergalls, but when codfishing, why throw back a fish that size? Now that the money pinch is on, I cannot understand why this fish should be disregarded, often cursed, and tossed back in. Some anglers even bang them over the head to make sure they are dead before the toss. That's not only wasteful, it's criminal. All of my charter boat customers are not well heeled; some would like to justify an expensive fishing trip by bringing home several dinners. Why not! Yet these very same people will throw away a good eating fish.

I have begun an enlightenment campaign on my boat. Slowly and painlessly I am trying to convince customers to take home at least two of the bigger bergalls and cook them up along with the cod or whatever. "Try them; see how they taste. What can you lose?" That "what can you lose" phrase always works. The next time I see these same customers I hear things like, "You were right. Those bergalls are delicious."

Many years ago I had occasion to work for a Captain Jack Herbst on the Lucky Jack. The only fish he took home for a meal was a bergall. No cod, no flounder, just "perch." Bergalls have a firm flesh with an almost pink quality to the meat. The taste is similar to a blackfish. One of the big bergalls taken daily during the spring fishing in Montauk can be filleted and makes an adequate meal for an adult. Along with the rest of the trimmings. Why anyone throws back a large bergall and then keeps a codfish half that size is due to ignorance and habit. Well, it's about time we broke the habit.

We Americans have been extremely neglectful of our biggest national resource. For years we have only skimmed off the cream of the sea that surrounds us. What a waste. It is about time we ended this routine selection of what's good to eat and learned to cultivate our tastes for other species.

First generation Europeans don't waste a thing. The heads, everything, it all goes home. Whenever a strange new fish is caught, they ask me if it's good to eat. I say, no, we don't eat that. Their idea of not eating it means the fish is poisonous. What we take for granted here is highly prized in most of Europe. One day a charter party of Japanese extraction told the mate not to throw away some parts of the innards and to save the heads of the striped bass he was cleaning. The captain made small of their desire for what he considered the waste by making some bad jokes. Not me; I tried to get invited for dinner. "What we inherit we often do not appreciate." How true it is.

Did you know that sundials are good eating? In the Fulton Market

they're called "daylites" and bring a fair price. In fact, everything mentioned in this article I have sold to the market. Now, just how many daylites did you throw back last year while fluke fishing, without ever a thought of trying one for dinner? Regardless of how thin the fish is, there is still a meal to be had. On the big ones, you can fillet both sides. On the smaller fish, you can fillet the black side only and discard the rest. That seems wasteful, but there you are.

A fellow by the name of Walter H. who fishes with me, claims that the sundial is the prime table dish in his home. He gives away the fluke he catches. Both Walter and I agree that fluke are too dry and taste like cardboard. So fillet a few sundials and have your wife whip up a great meal one night. If the fish ends up tasting like a rubber pancake and your wife throws the platter at you, don't call me. You find this guy Walter and punch him in the nose. Really, if you try cooking one you will not be disappointed.

Dogfish can be headed, gutted and tailed, and shipped to the market where they are purchased under the title, "greyfish." Don't get excited now; they're not worth enough to pay for the fuel. When cooked out the meat of the dogfish is pure white. I tried cooking one once. We fried it along with some other fish. Breaded and deep fried. I didn't care for it. The flesh seems to have a gauzy quality to it. Maybe frying is not the answer.

Sea robins are slowly receiving some acceptance. Only be careful that you select the correct robin. Take the ones with the large wings and bright orange colors. Having never tried one, I cannot give a critique on the taste and quality of the fish. Try it yourself. Only make you you know which fish is which if you mix it in with some other fish you're cooking. You may find you are unable to tell what you're eating. This is particularly true when deep frying.

By now I'm sure that most of you have heard that anglerfish are excellent food fare. Here, too, was a fish that was eaten almost entirely by Europeans. Ever since Julia Childs did one of her TV spots and featured "Monkfish" (that's the market, retail and restaurant name) as a wise consumer buy and a delicious fish, its popularity has risen. This ugly beast of a fish is cut up in the same manner as the blowfish. Cut off the head and pull out the tail section. With the average size angler, that leaves you with at least 8 lbs. of meat. Unfortunately, I am unable to offer any suggestions on cooking this one. My hunch is a baked or broiled recipe would be best with this. Maybe even poached, if you're really into cooking. Go ahead and play with it.

You may fish for a long time before you may even see a monkfish caught, much less catch one yourself. What you will catch, and most likely neglect, is the common skate. The flesh of the skate cooks out to a pure white color with a favorable consistency. The flavor of the meat has a shellfish-like quality and as such, very rich to eat.

Skate is perhaps the number one fish used in fish and chips in England. In a shop that sells fish and chips, a selection of fish is offered the buyer. Cod, plaice, rock eel and skate are standards. The best seller is the skate. Skate wings are cut into sections and battered and fried on the bone. Having eaten the local skate, and the British version, I must admit that the European fish does taste best. This conclusion convinced me to do a little research on the subject. Although I was unable to uncover what skate is eaten in the British Isles in my limited library, I believe I have made a discovery on the local skates. There are three varieties of skate that frequent our shores: the little skate, winter skate, and the clearnose skate. They all bear such close resemblance that all three species are considered as one. Most commonly caught skate by hook and line fishermen is the clearnose which migrates inshore during the summer. At maturity they go about 30" at a weight of 6 lbs. Next is the winter skate that moves inshore for the winter season. It grows to about 3½' and weighs 10-12 lbs.

Now comes a realization of why I have found a lack of consistency in the quality of the meat whenever I eat local skate. I may be eating two

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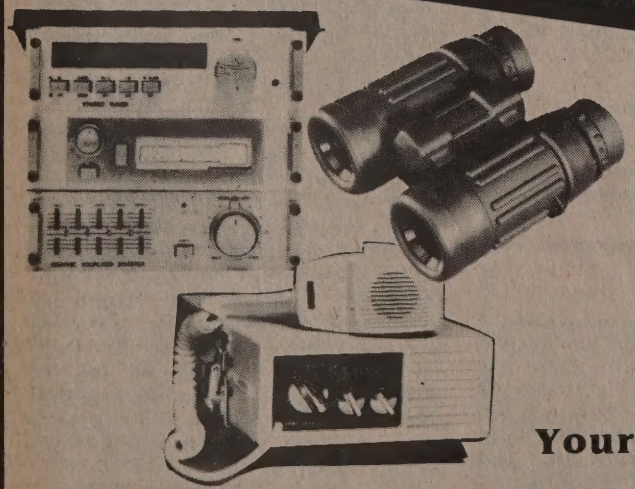

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different species. In the future I will positively identify what species I am preparing for a dinner.

I do a rather thorough job of cleaning the skate. After removing the wings from the main body, I fillet the flesh away from the bone and remove the skin. Also, I cut off the tip ends of the wings as they taper to a thin and unusable section.

We have only tried one recipe at home; that is to bread and deep fry. Other adventurous chefs have told me that a simple lemon and butter broiling will complement the skate. Only for the skate have I added a recipe—and what a recipe. It must be part of the graduation examination at the Cordon Bleu school of cooking in France. (With such gourmet preparation you can make an old sneaker taste good.)

RAIE AU BEURR E NOIR

Wash and scrape 1 pair of skate wings, weighing about 4 lbs. Cut each into 2 pieces. Place in a large saucepan, add boiling water to cover, and drain at once. Now cover with cold water; add a bouquet garni composed of 1 large bay leaf, 1 sprig of thyme, a handful of fresh parsley and a handful of green celery leaves (tops), tied with white kitchen thread; also 1 medium sized onion, sliced; a bud of garlic, 2 tablespoons of vinegar, and 6 peppercorns, freshly bruised.

Gradually bring to boiling point. Let boil 1 or 2 minutes, lower the flame, and simmer very gently for 20 minutes, or until fish appears to flake, skimming thoroughly. Drain, place in towel and remove the skin from both sides and edges of the wings. Return to the cooking broth, and keep hot. When just ready to serve, melt and heat 1/2 cup butter in a frying pan until foaming. Immediately add 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley, 2 tablespoons of capers, few grains of cayenne or Tabasco sauce, and pour sizzling hot over the well-drained skate wings. Garnish with plain boiled potatoes, parsley and lemon quarters.

Well, how about that, you kitchen sorcerers? Does that make your culinary amibtion soar and your mouth water? I love the part about the freshly bruised peppercorns.

I hope I have raised your interest in eating something else besides flounder fillet. Some of you might try something different, but hesitate bringing back a bergall to the dock, not to mention a skate, for fear of being laughed at. This is understandable. Years of prejudice and snobbery have narrowed our tastes down to a limited selection.

I'm sure that anyone reading this article has caught and released at least one, if not all, of the fish mentioned herein. So why not take home a sample and try it. Just once. Don't tell the bride anything and sneak a bergall fillet in with the codfish. It's about time we all stopped wasting food!

East End Report

by Stu Miller

MONTAUK

Excellent catches of cod with a good shot of pollack is the name of the game at Long Island's eastern most tip. Catches are mainly on bait, but diamond jigs are starting to account for pollack and some of the more aggressive cod.

On the 6 man limit open boat **Waxed** Capt. Bud sends word that cod at Block Island for this customers is excellent. Herb Grant, Medford, was high hook for the week with 50 cod. Bud was second hi-hook for the week with 49 cod. Fish ran 3-16 lbs and wanted bait.

Midweek, Ron Onorato and Mike Scarola fished a wreck in 140 ft of water and had 114 cod, totaling over 1,000 lbs in Ron'sBoston Whaler Outrage. Mainly bait, with some larger fish on jigs.

A charter for L & L Chemical and Construction bailed cod Sunday South of Block Island, fish to 22 lbs. Body count was 105 cod on bait. Sat. trip for flounders fizzled, but a run to Cartwright saved the day with a good catch of more cod. Fridays trip South of Block Island yielded 50 cod and a few blacks.

The spring run of cod is here, said **Capt. Paul Forsberg** of the **Viking Star**. The boat is working Block and there are also some pollack mixed in. 60 pollack came aboard Sat. and 70 on Sunday. Jigs and tubes tied in 3' above the jigs are the ticket. Pool cods are running in the high 30's-low 40's. Capt. Seaweed pulled a 50 lber on Saturdays trip. Cod are averaging 5-15 lbs & quite a few are in the 20's.

Capt. Fritz Hubner's charterboat **Mistress Two** scored with 128 cod Wed. 100 cod Sat., and 176 cod for 4 men on Sunday, Ray Achilli, Yonkers group. Fish ran 4-15 lbs, S/E of Block. Some big pollack are being pulled on jigs at the CIA grounds.

Roughly 150 cod were taken on the charterboat **Windy,**which sailed its first trip of the season on Sat. Fish ran 5-15lbs, Sunday, fish 3-10lbs and exactly 100 were taken. Action is South of Block. No pollack. All cod were taken on bait and were spitting up sandeels.

The Marlin IV had very good cod asction all week, with some pollack mixed in. Catches averaged 10-15 a man. Cod ran 8-10 lbs., pollack to 20lbs. Pool fish were 25-30 lbs. High hook Sat. was 30 cod. Runner up Sat was 27 cod, all at Block Island. An occasional snowshoe flounder was picked.

On the **Blue Fin I, Capt. John Potts,** worked Cartwright on 'Monday and boated 60 pollack on jigs 20□30 lbs, plus 6 cod for the Huszar party of NYC. Sat **Capt. Mike Potts** on **Blue Fin IV** had a charter for the Bess party, Binghamton and also at Cartwright took 46 cod to 51 lbs and 33 pollack, twenty of which went over 20 lbs. on diamonds. Largest cod was 51 lbs and there were 11 cod over 30 lbs. There were quite a few doubles on jib and tube rigs.

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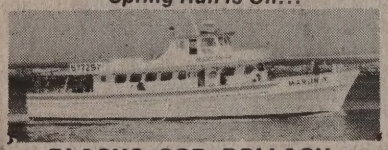

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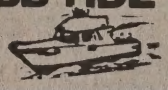

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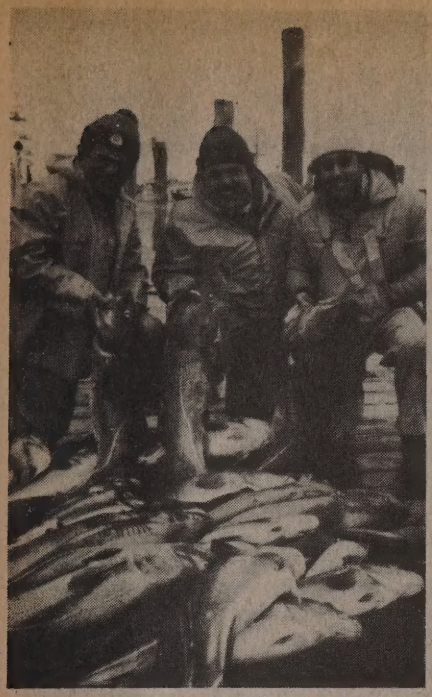

Louie, John and Rich with 42 cod up to 33 lbs. taken at Montauk aboard the 'Vivienne.'

bailed 52 cod & pollack, mostly cod, on diamonds, cod up to 57 lbs.

Abroard the **Blue Fin IV** Sunday, the charter had 34 cod to 52 lbs, 6 of which were over 30 lbs & most of the rest over 20 lbs. They also took 6 large pollack. Half took bait & half hit jigs.

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On Capt. John Kellar's Bronco **explorer** codding has been good, fish between 15-35 lbs off Block. A few pollack have also been taken, all on bait. The first cod and pollack charter will be on May 7 and John will start his Canyon trips in mid-June.

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Rev. Vincent Marchese and friends with part of a large haul of cod, including 15 over 30 lbs., taken on 4/15 aboard Captain Bud Dorman's 6-man open boat, "Waxed."

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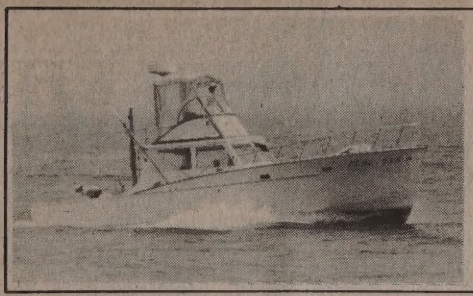

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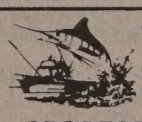

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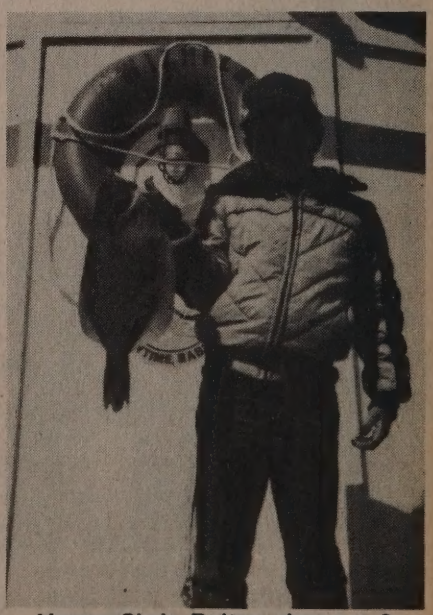
Wilheric Fishing good all week with the exception of Sat. Tues. Mr & Mrs. Cline of Noyac caught 48 fish between them. Wed. Jack Gleason and 2 friends got 75 fish and Mr & Mrs. Cline were back Thurs and got 54 fish this time. All fish were 1 to 2½ lbs. Sat. and Sun. in the PM, fished Orient with poor results due to very cold water. Seems to be plenty of fish, but not ready to bite. All fish were hooked on worms and mussels.

The Capt. Clark II found flounder catc hes much improved this past weekend. On Wed., 7 fares had 150 plus big flounder. Thurs. and Fri. were even better, with fish from 1¼ -1½ lbs thru both tides. On Sat., Ray Alvarez of Queens copped the pool with a 2 lb flounder and 21 other nice size fish. The boat will be starting super flounder fishing in Shinnicock Bay around May 1. All bait is available at boat. See ad - call for details.

Try Buoy 11 on the ebb, said **Chris** at **Bay View Fishing Station** in Sag Harbor with mussels and worms. Also try Gibsons at the osprey nest. Fish are all 1½ lbs and over. Cedar Pt. is starting, as are mackerel at Jessups.

Toby Alcott of Pelham, NY fished off the Salty Dog Rest. Sat., and was rewarded with 25 flounders to 1 lb or more on worm and mussel chum, along with a couple of stray macks. Lou Graziano of Noyac loaded up on macks around Buoy 16.

Over in the Peconics, says **Specks**



Young Chris Dalton shows a 2 lb. 8 oz. flattie taken near Sag Harbor aboard the open boat "Wilhelric."

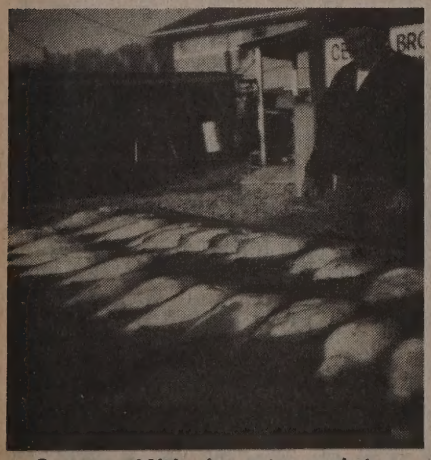
Bait & Tackle, Southampton, Roses Grove produced for Louis Tlockowski and Larry McGee on Sat. to the tune of 22 flounder to 2 lbs. on mussel and worm on a flood tide. Gishing toward the P John Simpson and 3 pals pulled 30 keepers and 20 throwbacks on the ebb Sat., using mussel and worms. At Cherry Harbor, Al Hoffman and Tom Demonte of Astoria took 29 nice flounder., including a 2lb 9oz and 2lb 12oz fish on mussel and worm. Fish were also caught off the Shinnicock CG Sta.

South Shore Report

by Fred Golofaro

Those who found lackluster fishing on the weekend, certainly couldn't point the blame at the weatherman. In fact, for many anglers lucky enough to be on or near the water Saturday and Sunday, it was the weather, more than the fishing, that made the day.

With the long awaited spell of mild weather came reports of the first catches of mackerel along with the first showing of weakfish and stripers. The weaks and bass were taken in gill nets strung along South Shore ocean beaches and lest their be any doubt to their validity, I looked over a catch made outside of Fire Island Inlet on Saturday which included ½ a box of 8 to 10 pound tiderunners and what looked to be about 2 boxes of school bass. Also included in the catch were some big Boston mackerel and a pile of blackfish. Rumors of a couple of more fluke were added to last weeks confirmed catch of 2 fish taken out in Mastic Beach so it won't be long before other species are competing with flounder for the spotlight.



George Kideris returned to Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station in East Moriches with this catch of 25 big flatties up to 2½ lbs. He fished just west of buoy 29 on Monday, 4/19.

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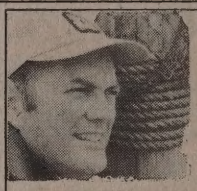

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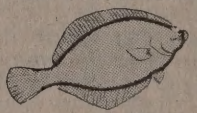

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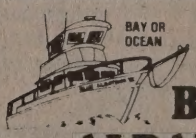

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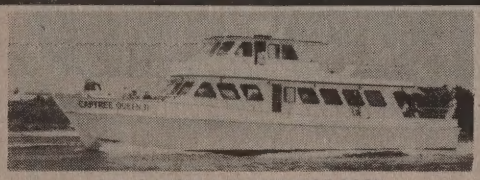

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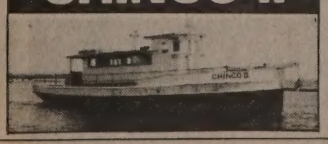

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Flounder fishing is showing signs of stabilizing in Shinnecock and Moriches Bays. In both areas, the quality of the fish makes up for astronomical numbers. Those who prefer quantity over quality can still satisfy their needs in the Quogue Canal.

A group of N.Y. Sanitation Dept. workers sampled the Shinnecock Bay action over the weekend and did a fair job on the fish. Speaking of quality, Charles Savage, a member of the Sanitation Dept. crew, copped their pool with a fish of 3½ pounds taken near the mouth of Heady Creek.

Frank Pelosa of **Corr's Fishing Station** who reported this also told of Jim Delano and Al Billeino who worked the Basket Grounds on Sunday for 43 flatties all in the 1 pound class. Heavy mussel chum and sandworm bait has been producing the best results according to Frank.

Outside the bay, well known big game, light tackle specialist Tred Barta, fished his Makaira over the Coimbra Wreck on Sunday and took a mixture of 20 cod and pollack in the 8 to 15 pound range on bait. This via **Altenkirch Bait & Tackle** in Hampton Bays.

Moriches Bay fishing stations reported that while numbers might not yet be what they should, all of the fish are big with flatties under a pound rare, out in the open bay. Catches vary greatly from boat to boat with some only a dozen fish while others do a job.

Everyone I spoke to agreed that heavy chumming is very important and that at least over the weekend, the best fishing by far was the afternoon's ebb tide.

Fishing in the vicinity of buoy 41 on Saturday, Barry Williams along with his children Sue and Mitchell, totaled 52 big flounder on bloodworms and mussel chum. Andy of **Seatuck Cove Fishing Station** who reported this catch said that a number of other boats had 35 to 40 fish catches in buoy 41-42 area.

The "Donnelly Boys" with 45 flounder between 1 and 2 lbs. taken at buoy 43 in Moriches Bay on 4/15. They fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station.

FISHING STATIONS

Gary Leung with friends Tisha and Carol accounted for over 50 flatties at buoys 52 and 44 in Moriches Bay. Fishing was done out of Seatuck Cove Fishing Station.

Joe Dorn, and Charles, Steve and Leo Hoffman topped all of the competition out of **Silly Lily's Fishing Station** with their catch of 102 flatties between 1 and 2 pounds made at buoy 42. Gary, of **Silly Lily's** Fishing Station said that the best fishing has been on the flats in five feet of water, about ¾ of a mile N.E. of buoy 42. He added that chum is a must!

John Kropp and a pair of friends fished out of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** on Saturday. Working east of buoy 42 the trio wound up hi-hook of the day with 58 fish. According to Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's,** Sunday, which was the better of the two days saw Joe, Jim and Mark Sander take 82 flatties in the same area. Largest fish for the weekend was a 2¼ pounder.

Proving that smaller fish but plenty of them are still available in the Quogue Canal, 2 boat loads of Smithtown Post Office employees totaled 175 flatties near buoy 52. They ranged from ½ up to 1½ pounds. Included in the group were Tony Uss and his 11 year old son Kevin. Jim Green of **L&M Marine,** from where the party left, confirmed the run of bigger but fewer fish near buoys 42 and 44.

To the west, Gary of **Stiriz's Fishing Station** spoke of good flattie action on most days between buoys 12 and 19. Buoys 15 and 16 were especially good on Sunday as demonstrated by Chuck Delo and his dad who wound up the day with 85 fish. Lots of chum and moving water are essential for a good score reminded Gary. Rich Miko's 2¼ pounder was the largest of the weekend.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Great South Bay flounder fishing still leaves much to be desired as the action this past wek can best be described as erratic. Here too though, the size of may of the fish continues to astound and surprise some flatfish fans. One of the most surprised had to be Bill Wonoski of Bay Shore who put a "snowshoe" of 3 pounds, 4 ounces on the scale at **Peppy's Bait & Tackle** in East Islip on Friday. Bill was likely the most astounded angler on the bay as well when one considers that of the 51 flounder he caught in the vicinity of buoy 18, there wasn't a fish under a pound among them. Irene, who weighed the big flatties and checked over the rest of the catch was equally amazed.

More typical of the fishing was a catch made by Lou Lakretz on Saturday. Lou had 15 flatties in the 1 to

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Fresh water fans should take note of the 17", 2½ pound brook trout taken at Bubble's Falls on Thursday by Patrick Laskowski. He used a night crawler.

More fresh water news came from Dave Canale at **J&R Sport Center** in Oakdale. Dave told of 3½ year old Mike Ponticello who caught his first trout ever last week at West Lake. The landmark fish was a 10" rainbow. While fishing Connetquot Park has been on the slow side, Henry Cohen did take 4 trout in the 1½ to 2 pound class on brown muddlers last Tuesday.

From Carl Miller at **Smokey's Bait & Tackle** in Bay Shore came word of the first substantial mackerel catch to come through Fire Island Inlet. On Saturday, Larry Lund of Brentwood ran his Viper II southwest to 75 feet of water where he put away a dozen of the new arrivals. Of the flounder fishing, Carl knew of several decent catches of up to 35 fish made at Heckscher and Range Channel. For casters, Arnie of What-A-Hero in Bay Shore journeyed to the Sore Thumb area Saturday afternoon and clicked with 12 flounder between 1 and 1¾ pounds. He told of another caster who nearly filled a cooler with flatties before he arrived.

The highlight of the weekend for Captree boats was the Annual Blessing of the Fleet which took place, for a change under sunny skies. The ceremony was well attended, with the weather and the gaiety of the event combining to draw a big crowd to the basin.

It seems the only ones not cooperating in the celebration were the flounder. Fishing, according to the skippers and fares I spoke to, ranged anywhere from very picky to just fair. If there be any reason for optimism, it can probably be found in the fact that fish began showing along South Beach and at the Inlet this week. Each year, a buildup of fish occurs in the Inlets area and heavy concentrations usually result in a couple of weeks of solid flattie action. Most skippers voiced hope that the buildup is underway.

Of the past weeks activity, Capt. Dan Juettner fo the **Capt. Dan,** Capt. Richie Abrams of the **Capt. Whittaker** and Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captain Leitch IV** all filed basically the same reports of picky to fair fishing. All noted that the fish are spread around, with Hechscher, Range Channel, Sailor's Haven, the Lighthouse and the Sore Thumb all producing some fish.

Mrs. Ben Litwin of the **Capt. Ben Litwin** called to report a flounder just a shade under 3 pounds for Steve Commendor. Steve's big flattie weighed in a 2 pounds 14 ounces. Mrs. Litwin said that fares managed a decent pick of fish on Sunday.

Capt. Gordon Roman, who

besides skippering the **Captree Queen,** deserves a bow for the herculean effort he puts forth towards the Blessing of the Fleet. Gordon's efforts did not go unnoticed by his fellow captains. The likeable skipper asked that we remind customers that he will begin sailing afternoon mackerel trips this Friday at 3PM and will continued on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday schedule. The AM flounder schedule will remain the same.

In the Babylon area, Capt. Jack Stoddard of the charterboat **Luci II** considered himself fortunate to do as well as he did on Sunday in the State Channel at Gilgo. A 4 man party from the Pennysaver News went home with around 50 fish. Saturday's fishing between Grass Island and the Amity Cut was described as slow but steady.

The **Pooka** had pretty decent fishing in the State Channel over the weekend. Working between the Amity Cut and Gilgo produced a good number of fish between 1 and 2 pounds.

Tom of **Sea Gull Marine** had a couple of nice catches to report for the weekend. On Saturday, a Mr. and Mrs. Warren accounted for 25 good size fish off of the Babylon Pool. They used worms and corn chum. On Sunday, Larry Appell, Kevin Harty and Joe Peterson used worms to take nearly 40 flatties in the 1 to 1½ pound range at the Copiague Hole.

Some more fresh water news came from Mike at **Lindenhurst Bait & Tackle** where on Saturday, Lou Florio checked in a pair of 12" rainbow trout and told of releasing 4 largemouth bass (they are out of season until June).

On Sunday, Sal Leece had 4 bows and released 2 bass and a 15" pickerel. Both fished Southard's Pond in Babylon.

Back on the salt water front, Joe Uss and his son broke in a new pair of Mike's custom rods on 15 flounder to two pounds taken near Grass Island in the State Channel on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, Mark Sheshedian and Gary Carfacian had over 100 macks taken out east near Jessup's Neck.

Gil, of **Capt. Jack's East** in Lindenhurst, knew of decent flounder action in the State Channel over the weekend. One of the biggest flatties Gil has seen this season was taken near Grass Island by L.I.F. subscriber Larry Makofski. It weighed 2¾ pounds.

SOUTH OYSTER BAY

Gary Corbett of **Jonas Bait & Tackle** described the flatfishing in the area as ranging from picky to fair. He said that Massapequa Cove, Nassau Shores and the State Channel all produce some fish but that the fishing is far from great. He also

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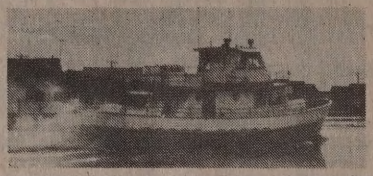

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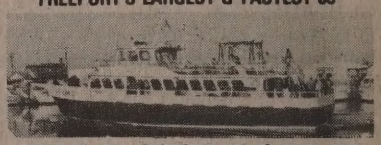

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knew of a couple of private boats that got shutout on the mackerel run although a big body of fish was to the west in the vicinity of the Mud Hole.

Best bet for flounder in this area appears to be in the deep holes of the State Channel with the Gilgo area producing the best results. Lots of chum being the vital ingredient for a decent catch. This according to Jack of **Jack's Bait & Tackle** in Amity Harbor. Jack knew that the Amity Harbor Fishing Club's weekend flounder derby resulted in a number of fish over 2 pounds being checked in.

Flounder fishing was no great shakes in the Seaford to Merrick area either. Capt. Brian of the open boat **Chinco II** said that action has varied from poor to good and has been generally erratic. Catches on better days run around 12 to 15 fish per man. Size ranges anywhere from ¾ on up to 2 pounds with fishing being done in the back bays, drains, and the State Channel. Winner of Sunday's $84.00 pool with a 2 pound flattie was seven year old David Renert of Wantagh.

John Dombrowski of **Pop's Fishing Station** in Seaford labeled the flounder fishing as fair for most anglers but added that chumming is absolutely essential. During the week, a Mr. & Mrs. Messner took 28 fish in Massapequa Cove while John's brother Joe and Andy Shilt took 25 flatties to 2 pounds in the same location. A trio of local sharpies fished what is known as Hay Hole and returned with an eye-popping catch of 18 flatties in the 2 pound class. Hay Hole is located near South Line Island but access to it is restricted by bars and shoals. John asked that we pass along that he does have live killies on hand for trout fans.

Over at **Custom Tackle,** Dwayne spoke of some flattie action near the 1st Wantagh Bridge. The best flounder score he saw though came from Moriches where on Saturday, Bob Goepsert and Perry Mavridis totaled 41 fish to a pound and a half. Dwayne noted too that a few private boatmen have done well with cod on local offshore wrecks.

Catches of 10 to 20 flounder per boat, most ½ to 1 pound, seem to be about average in the Merrick Bay area according to Scott of **Merrick Tackle** in Bellmore. He added that he expects lots of people will be out looking for mackerel once word gets out that a couple of Freeport boats did a job on Saturday at the Mud Hole.

Jimmy Boulukos issued the same so-so flounder report heard from most of those I spoke with. He did know that on Sunday, Ray Cotty took 28 flatties in Swift Creek. Cod provided relief from the "flatfish blues" for Nick's Point Tuna Club Members: John Demeno, Mike Edelman and Henry Wobbe. Aboard John's "Mar-Jon", the trio took 34

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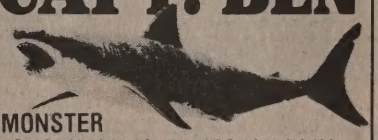
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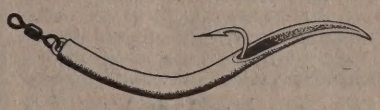

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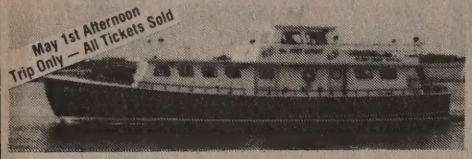

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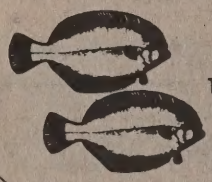

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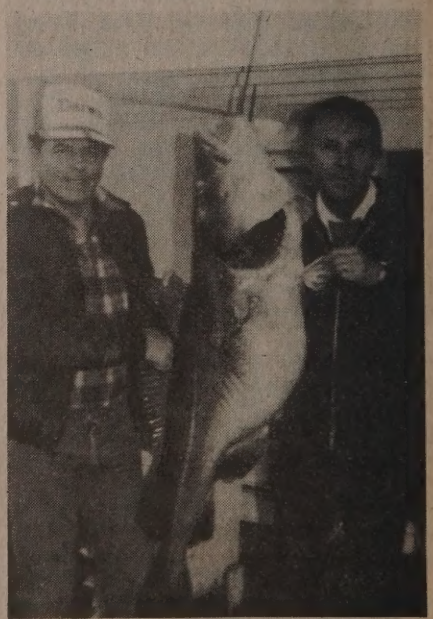
The **Starstream II** on Sat. had mackerel catches of 40-100 per man, while on Sun, fares picked till noon, when action just fell off completely. Macks are all along the coast and this was just a lull, say the skipper. The fish caught are big Bostons and should bounce right back again.

Sacks of Macks for the **Blue Fin III** on Sat. with aprox. 900 Bostons coming over the rail. 1-3lbs in the Mudhole area in 85 ft of water on jigs and trees. Sundays mack charter was fair, but not near the quality of Sat's trip. On the **Blue Fin II**, Sat. for Hanover Bank, high hook and pool winner was Ed Goodwin of Merrick. ON Sunday's trip for flatties, John



John Steffgen, Sr., left, with a 74 lb. cod taken recently aboard the Freeport open boat, "Starstream II." The huge fish joined cod of 73 and 76 lbs. as one of the largest rod and reel cod ever taken on Long Island. At right is skipper Richie Kessinger.

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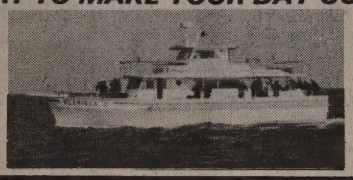

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Kanish of Rego Park, was hi hook and wife Elnora took the pool with a 2lb flounder. The Inlet worked best on mussel, worm and red clam.

The FREEPORT BOAT- MENS ASSOC. charterboat caught flounder from 1 to 2lbs as did the **Super Spray II.** Jones Inlet, Garets Lead and the golf course in Reynolds Channel. **Norseman** found mackerel S/E of Klondike. Aboard **Capt. Pat's Lady J III** a trip for Herb Bart, Yonkers and group had a pick of good sized flatties, while Sat., 'hook & Ladder 2 of this Elmont Fire Dept. had a fair pick on flounders at the inlet and in Reynolds Channel from Buoy 16 east. Sundays trip for the High & Dry Fishing Club of West Hempstead had the best results of the three on worms and mussels.

Capt. Tony of **Miss Freeport II** fished locally with fair-good catches all week long on mussels, blods, and clam chum. O/G was best. Some fares had 35-40 fish a man. Tony will be adding 4PM macherel every day, to his sailing schedule. Statting macks full time now is **Capt. Al**, with 6:30 AM daily sailings, by the time you read this. Al says it looks like an excellent mackerel season, and as always, a brief one. He had super flounders Sat. over 1,000 fish for over 50 fares, in the back and in Reynolds. Sun. heavy boat traffic put catches down.

Charterboat **Mickey II** skipper **Tony Presto** had out a group of kids from Grand Ave. Jr. High School Sunday, and fished Reynolds, bagging 100 plus flounders. The pool was a tie between Scott Sopenoff and Lee Haberman. Billy Eisner took high hook honors. Tony is now booking macherel trips, both weekend and weekday.

Freeport's **Capt Lou Fleet,** on its full day boat had 10-30 flatties a man. Tues. was a slaughter with 13 fares bagging 485 flounder Wed. and Thurs. catches ran 10-35 fish a man. Fri. was slaughter time again, with 1,000 keepers for 30 fares. Joe Fronzczkojski, New Hyde Park had 56 flounders. John Wyeand, Westbury bagged 50 flatties, while Walter Backus, Laurelton hoisted 52 fish. The weekend slowed due to heavy boat traffic. The ½ day boat did very well Mon. -Fri., catcvhes averaging 6-30 flounders a man. The boats fished locally, with mussels best and slack tides most productive.

The Capt.andy enjoyed good catches of floun- ders working Reynolds Channel at Pt Lookout and Jones Inlet. Sun. AMs pool fish went 2½ lbs and sizes ranged from 3/4 -1½ lbs. with very few throwbacks. All pool fish have been in the 2 lb class, with worms or mussels on the

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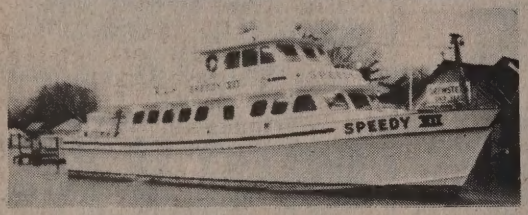

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flood best. The**Aloma II** also notes better flatties catches this week. **Capt. Paul** say the fish are there and feeding. Reynolds Chann el has been best, with fish 3/4 -1½lbs on worms and clam, finding the last of the ebb best. The boat is now also sailing 3:30PM macherel trips every day. **Hook, Line & Sinker Bait & Tackle** called to tell us that many customers came in with fish caught at Buoy 17 in Reynolds and also in Baldwin Bay, on worm and clam and clam chum, botyh tides. Ed Smolinski and friends had a good days flounder action Fri. aboard the charterboat **Capt Gary**. Ed was hi-hook with 14 flounders, working Reynolds and Swift Creek.

Over Baldwin way, we hear from **Thompsons Deli & Tackle** of Tom Parker and crews catch of 12 flounders, from 1-1½lbs on bloods and mussel chum. Baldwin Bay on a flooding tide was the place Sat. **Arthur St Fishing Station** had catches of 2-5 flatties per boat, but these were all large fish from Stone Creek, near Hole in the Bay, and Scow Creek.

And in Point Lookout, the **Capt Bill** on Tues. had Roosevelt Rogers with 21 flounders while Spenser Thomas had 18 and Carmine Cessarano on Wed. hoisted 28. Kevin Bradeen pulled 17 fish.Later in the week high hooks ranged from 8-20 fish on the boats ½ day trips. All hands caught. Pool fish ran 2½ lbs everyday, with very few throwbacks, the fish are fat and meaty with mussels and worms best. Clam is best in the inlet, around the top and bottom of the tides best. Charterboat **Marie III** made several local drops Sat. and found fish at every spot. Worm bait was best and slack in the inlet was best of all. Sunday's was the best trip of the year so far. 14 year old Rich 'kwENWY OF Massapequa Park pulled a 1 lb 14 oz flattie. Steve Kearney hung a 1 lb 13 oz fish, s did Phil Delaney of Levittown . Capt. Dennis found fish at all drops from the Long Beach Golf Course to the Inlet. Best drop of all was off Doxsea Sea Clam. Mussels worked best, clams next. See ad for May 2 open boat macherel trip. The **Miss Point Lookout** had outstanding early week catches, with many catches of 30 floundes a man on the ½ day trips. On Fri's afternoon trip, Sid & Bertha Totaled 55 big flounder.

Week- end fishing was best in Reynolds at Pt Lookout. Worm and mussel combos are best. On Sun. two 2½ lb flatties were taken by Andy Nelson and Mill Loeb. The changes of tide were best. Reynolds is getting hot in ebb. Very few midgets, with fish 3/4 -2lbs. Please note, all tickets sold for May 1 afternoon trip only. **Scotty's Marina** tells of excellent floundering for their rentals in front of the town marina and the mouth of Jones Inlet. **Ed's Fishing Station** has seen flattie action really pick up, with all around the high being most productive. Fish are nice size, with lots of 1½-2lbers. Bruno Grabiec had fish to 2 plus Ed Rugio and Ed Meskowski of Wallington, NJ picked some fat flatties. Try in the flats, B. 17 & 18 in Reynolds and the Golf Course. The 12 boats rented by the Verranzano Rod & Gun Club had a decent catch of flounders on Sunday.

Down to the west at Atlantic Beach, **Al** at the **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** gives results of his weekend flounder derby , 1st place, Harryross, Westbury 1 lb. 12 oz, 2nd place John Gavenchak 1 lb 11 oz, 3rd Placeed Ed Donally 1 lb 10 oz, Womens Div. 1st place, Andrea Sylverstre 1lb 12 oz, Sr. Kids, Beth Sickerman 1lb 70z, Jr. Kids, John Gavenchak Jr., 1lb 9oz. Plenty of flounder, says Al, at Duck Pt, the firehouse in Long Beach and at the turn, B17, St at Far Rockaway and Hog Island Channel on Worm and mussel.

Beckmann's tackle in Lynbrook tells of all big flounders brought in by his customers from the Jones & Debs ends of Reynolds, fish to 2½ lbs. His yellow flounder tails are red hot, says Charliebeckmann. Fish numbers have improved, average 25-30 per boat and 90per cent are keepers.

At **Long Beach Sports Marina** there's talk of plenty flounders in Reynolds. 2 rental skiffs working

Debs had 30 flounders each, all 2 lbs, on sandworms on outgoing tide Sat. Mike Lyons & Bob Hanna boated 43 flounders to 1 lb plus at B 5 in Reynolds Sat. On Sun.., Mike & Pete Johnstone had 48 flounders to 1 lb and more at Hog Channel on worms & mussels.

flounders are also being caught at the Magnolia Pier and from the surf at Malibu.

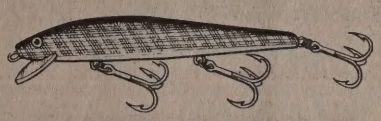
NEW YORK BIGHT

John at **Cross Bay Bait & Tackle** reports flounder of good size being caught tho not in huge numbers, at Silver Hole for boaters and also off the north channel bridges. Mussel, clam, and worms are the ticket, both tides. Blackfish showing up for those trying on clams and crab. John has heard of the first small bass which was taken accidently on a flounder rig off the north channel bridge.

Swinging over to Sheepshead Bay we hear of super flounder catches Mon. Tues. and Wed. aboard **The Dorothy B** followed by tough fishing Thurs. Fri. Sat. due to alot heavy wind and thus a stired up bottom. Sun. however, came to life , especially in the afternoon with the boat fishing both Jersey and Jamica Bay Grounds.

Fish have been large, mostly one pound and up with worms working best. Switching over to mackerel and whiting on a 6:30am daily schedule is the **Flamingo III** with **Capt. Walt** telling us of the good turn out for the warm sunny weekend with fares enjoying fair flounder action. There were lots of catches of 8-15 per man. During the week , especially Wed. catches (super excellent(. One fare scored with 45 big keepers from 3/4 to 1½lbs. Mussel has been best as hook bait, both tides working. With mackerel season looking promising at this point, the skipper will pursue the macks using whitings as a backup. Lots of mackerel, said **Sal** at **Stella Maris Bait & Tackle** for the small private boats running the hour plus down the Jersey coast. Flounders continue to be caught off Manhattan Beach, Coney Island , and at Silver Hole on worms and clams. Blackfish are starting to be caught at Manhattan Beach all jetties, and off Sea bright.

Acrss the pond in Staten Island, Kevin at **Santos Sport Shop** tells of herring at Great Kills Park on small bucktails, small kastmasters and small plugs. Kevin said he saw a 5lb herring in one customer's catch , though most fish should be in the one to 3 lb class. Flounders remain a good item at Great Kills Park . Two to three pound bass are starting to show at G K Park also. Flounders and bass are starting to make their presence known along Penny Beach.



This 11.3 lb. doormat fluke was taken in the Eaton's Neck rips last July by Tom Shutowich. It was weighed at Four Winds Bait & Tackle in Huntington.

North Shore Report

by Marty Garrell

WESTERN SOUND

Some pick-up in action in this area was evident in reports. Warming water and good weather allowed small boat anglers to increase their flounder scores. Best reports were still from the party craft.

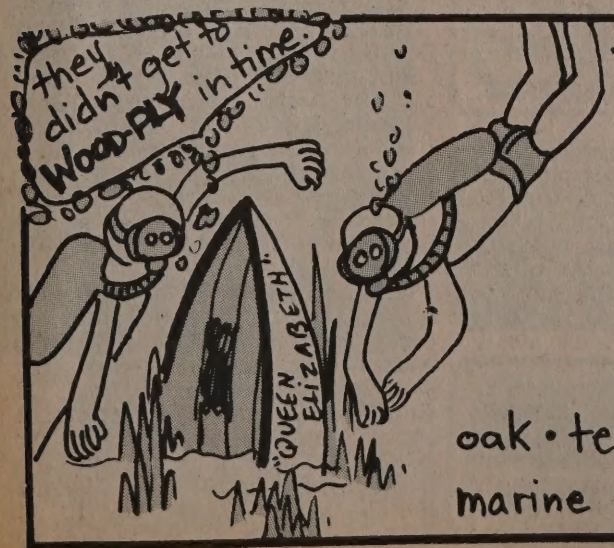
New Rochelle angling was not much except for small flounder in the bays and harbors. **John's Gun & Tackle** felt that the Bayville area was worth a shot, and Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** confirmed that all the flounder locations from Bayville to Port Washington were producing spotty catches of decent sized fish to 1½ pounds. Center Island, Matinnecock and Pryble's Beach were also mentioned.

Flounder in the ½ to ¾ pound class were abundant around City Island. Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait & Tackle** also saw some blackfish a few pounds in size and said that bass were beginning to work on the killies around Turtle Cove shoreline. A pick up in tautog action is anticipated.

Oyster Bay was still good for flatties over the weekend, but the fish are bigger off Lloyd's according to Dom Cerbone of the **Apache.** Sunday's fares filled out with 15 to 25 keepers per rod and pool fish to 1¾ pounds.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

With fishermen getting outside in the Sound, records for the weekend showed some nice sized flounder to



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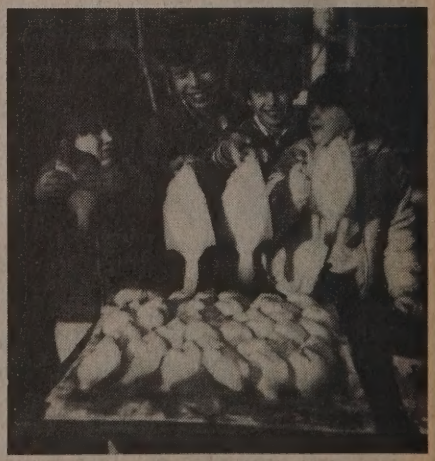
1½ pounds in modest numbers for many anglers. Mackerel catches off buoy 11 and buoy 9 around Port Jefferson are harbingers of better fishing to come. Deeper waters all the way up to Mount Sinai are producing flounder now.

The biggest flounder in the area this week was taken by Bill Krooss and weighed at **Ronnie's Bait & Tackle**. The snowshoe went an even 3 pounds and came from Callahan's. Machamah, Crab Meadow, and Marshall Field were also mentioned in reports. It seems advisable to bring dyed clams, mussels, and worms to play it safe on picky fish. The fish inside Lloyd's, at Duck Island, and Target Rock are in the 1 to 1¼ pound group, according to **Huntington Prop & Tackle.** George at **Four Winds Tackle** saw some larger fish off Eaton's and Asharoken, but feels that numbers leave something to be desired. Fish off Asharoken are in 25 to 40 feet depths says Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods.** Top size there is 1½ pounds but you are not fighting the 75% throwback ratio inside the harbors.

Nick Manzeri took the **Speedy VII** up onto the oyster beds of Huntington Bay and found up to 30 fish per rod with pool winner around two pounds. Saturday was very good, but the fish were picky on Sunday. The tip of Lloyd's was rated at only fair to good.

Packy Collins is planning to handle the operation of the **Eveready II** again as soon as the paperwork is ready on the weekend of May 8th. In addition, Collins will be working a 4-man limited charter operation on a 24 footer.

Henry Olsen pulled half a dozen mackerel per rod on the **Captain Hank** off buoys 9 and 11, along with plenty of smaller flounder over the weekend. Olsen plans to change the



A young crew of anglers with the 41 flounder they kept out of a total catch of 80. Fishing was done from the beach in Centerport Harbor in mid-April. Pictured are Karen Stuven, Charlie and Kevin Hudson and Kerry Stuven.

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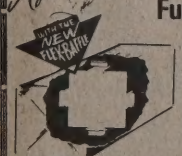

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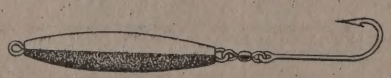

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sailing time to 8:30. Jeanette Fisher said that husband John did fairly well on flounder for the **Aqua Gem** up in the Kings Park area on Saturday.

Picky flounder fishing outside ought to be improving dramatically in the Port Jefferson area this week, according to the **Caraftis Fishing Station.** The harbors were still more reliable last weekend.

The shoals off bouy 11 and White Beach were Mount Sinai hot spots mentioned by both **Ralph's Fishing Station** and **Dick's Sporting Goods.** Dick Brown cautioned that the mackerel schools were not large enough yet to show on top, and Ralph Davenport expects next week to bring the mac bonanza that spring anglers are waiting for. Davenport also weighed in a 2¼ pound flattie on Saturday.

NORTH FORK

Mackerel and good catches of North Fork flounder were in the news last week with fishing at last moving towards the spring peak. Although the largest flounder in the Sound, where Jerry McGrath of the **Nostalgia II** reported the biggest fish, a 3 pound, 10 ounce snowshoe, the best catches in numbers were recorded in the Peconics. Help from the weatherman over the weekend definitely contributed to local success.

McGrath's Sunday party, headed up by Tony Golfo, had the big flatfish along with three others over 3 pounds in a catch of 32 fish off the Stairs and the Motel near Mattituck Inlet. Saturday's catch on the Nostalgia, made by Holly, Ellen and Vinnie Gartmeyer was more modest with the fishing picking up late in the day. McGrath chums heavily with mussels and clams and keeps two pots going.

Both the **Brand X** and **Peconic Star** will now be fishing Long Island Sound. Good flounder action has been had til now at Dearing Hole and environs. On Sunday, Capt. Richie Jensen on the **Nancy Ann** hit a flounder Mother Lode and bailed 'em. Mussels are working best, worms next. Lots of mackerel around. A 2¾ pound floudner was taken Saturday. This was topped by a four pound flounder aboard Capt. Roddie Delisles **Prowler,** fishing Promised Land.

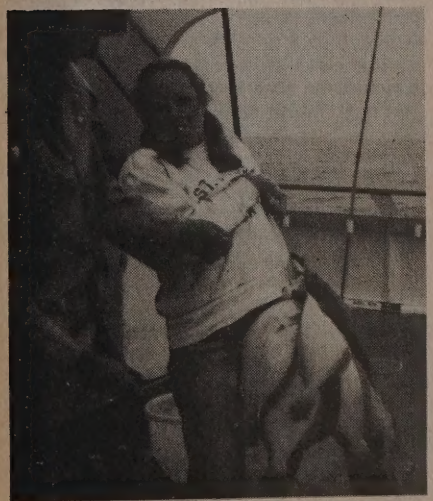
Livery results would seem to indicate that flounder action is really widespread. Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** saw 100 fish to two pounds off South Ferry taken in a few hours time around the top of the tide by the Wolf Pack, a private sharpie. Bug Light, Long Beach, East Marion and Cedar Beach Point were also mentioned. Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** weighed a lot of fish around two pounds from Dering Harbor and South Ferry and saw an outstanding

catch from the Sound taken by Roddy DeLisle. As a representative catch of flounder for the week, a total of 33 fish was taken by Bonnie Peterson on the **Brand X.**

Mackerel are now available in big numbers off Jenning's and the Greenport Breakwater and off Jessup's. Jenning's is good on incoming, while Jessup's is fine for outgoing water.

Some of the better catches at **Captain Marty's Fishing Station** were recorded off Nassau Point-Buoy 22. Ed Lester and Don Pectle pulled 37 flounder to 2½ pounds on mussels and worms, along with a 7 pound blackfish. Dom DeRanieri and Benny LaRosa reported a catch of 53 there, while Joe George and Joe Schindelman recorded 35 fish east of the traps off Roses Grove. The Gasper Terrys pulled 50 fish from there. Most of the Roses Grove flounder were no longer heavyweights, according to Ed Kopack at **Warren's Tackle,** and the plentiful fish off the beach at Indian Island are even smaller ¾ pound stuff.

Catches of 25 mackerel or more are no problem east of buoy 5 on the Sound, but most fishermen there have big flounder in mind. Catches run anywhere from 5 to 15 fish per boat off Mattituck Inlet with a few fish over 3 pounds. 22 boats out of the **Mattituck Inlet Fishing Station** worked both sides of the Inlet over the weekend.



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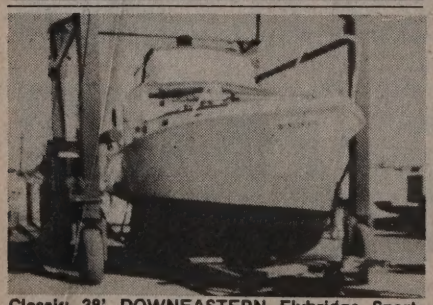

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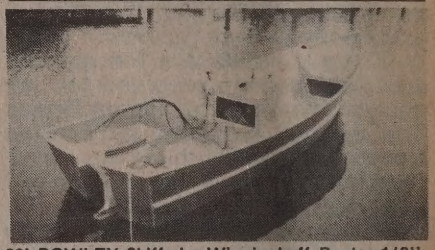

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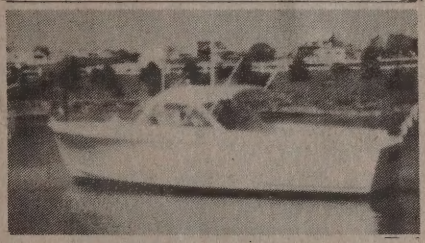

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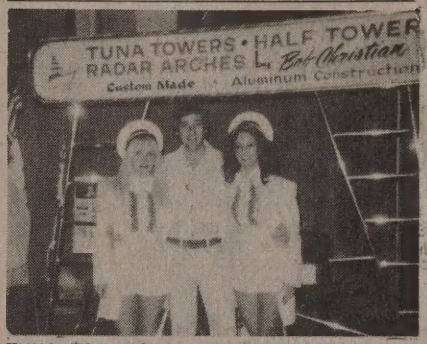

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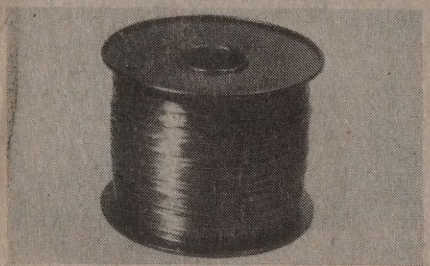

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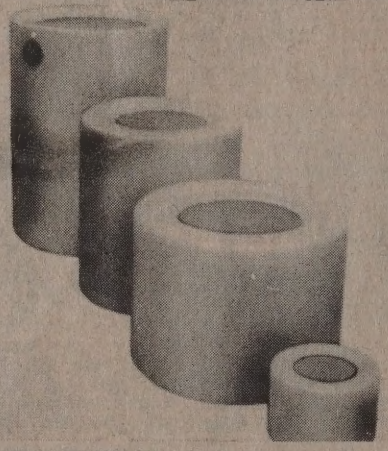

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DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LOND AM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THUR.	12:55	1:40	1:35	2:20	1:35	2:20	2:25	4:05	5:20	4:15	5:00	12:50	1:30	4/29
FRI.	1:55	2:40	2:45	3:30	2:40	3:20	3:3	5:35	6:50	5:25	6:10	1:55	2:35	4/30
SAT.	3:00	3:45	3:55	4:40	3:40	4:25	4:4	7:20	8:00	6:35	7:15	3:00	3:35	5/1
SUN.	4:05	4:50	5:05	5:45	4:45	5:30	5:5	8:30	9:00	7:40	8:15	4:05	4:35	5/2
MON.	5:10	5:50	6:05	6:40	5:50	6:25	6:5	9:25	9:50	8:45	9:10	5:00	5:30	5/3
TUE.	6:05	6:35	7:00	7:25	6:45	7:15	7:50	10:20	10:40	9:40	10:00	5:55	6:15	5/4
WED.	6:55	7:20	7:45	8:10	7:35	7:55	8:40	11:05	11:25	10:30	10:45	6:40	7:00	5/5
THUR.	7:35	8:00	8:30	8:50	8:15	8:35	9:20	11:50	–	11:10	11:25	7:25	7:45	5/6

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	–0 01
Red Bank, Navesink, R.I.	+0 48
Long Branch	–0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	–0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	–0 12
Seaside Park	–0 33
Mantoloking zbridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	–0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	–0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	–0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 46
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	–0 02
Rehoboth Beach	–0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	–0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	–0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Pontunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	–0 38
Democrat Point	–0 38
Coast Guard Station	–0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	–0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	–0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+0 3
JFK Airport	+0 7

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+
Cold Spring Harbor	+
Bayville Bridge	+0
Eatons Neck Point	+0
Northport Bay	+0
Norwalk Islands	+0
Smithtown Bay	–0 0
Cranes Neck Point	+0 0
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	–0 08
Herod Point	–0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	–0 20
Truman Beach	–0 42
Falkner Island	–0 1
Sachem Head	–0
Branford Harbor	–0 07
New Haven Harbor	–0 08
Milford Harbor	–0 07
Stratford	+0 27
Shelton	+1 3
Black Rock Harbor	–0
Saugatuck River	–0
South Norwalk	+0
Greens Ledge	–0
Stamford	+0
Cos Cob Harbor	+0
Greenwich	+0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	–0 14
Montauk Inlet	–0 25
Montauk Point	–1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington	–0 33
Noank, Mystic River	–0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	–0 01
Norwich	+0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+1 10
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LLETS PT.

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HB.

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	+0 33
	–0 05
	+0 09
	+0 33
	+0 57

YORK

	+0 07
Br.	+0 46
Duyvil	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburg	+3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	–0 10
Tiverton	+0 21
Beavertail Point	–0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+0 10
Bristol	+0 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayett Point	+0 12
Pawtucket	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	–0 08
Point Judith Harbor	–0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Old Harbor	–0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

4/30	5:57	7:57
5/1	5:56	7:58
5/2	5:55	7:59
5/3	5:54	8:00
5/4	5:52	8:01
5/5	5:51	8:03
5/6	5:50	8:04

Moonrise/Moonset

4/30	12:14PM	2:15AM
5/1	1:22PM	2:57AM
5/2	2:28PM	3:33AM
5/3	3:33PM	4:05AM
5/4	4:36PM	4:33AM
5/5	5:38PM	5:00AM
5/6	6:40PM	5:26AM

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NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
5/23	5/29	5/8	5/16

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When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for this week as printed below have been taken from the original *KNIGHT SOLUNAR TABLES*. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type face.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.				
Fri.				
Sat.				
Sun.				
Mon.				
Tues.				
Wed.				
Thurs.				

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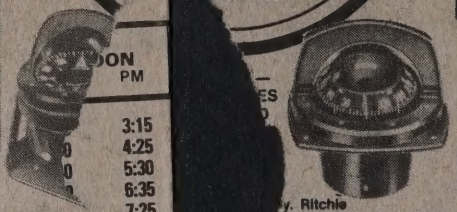

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8:50
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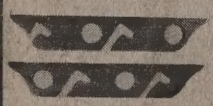

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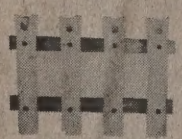

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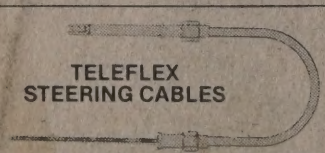

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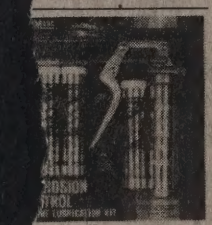

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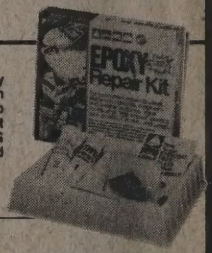

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